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MADE PROGRESS NEAR ARRAS-LILLE ROAD

Trench Was Blown Up With
Mine and Germans Were
Driven Out

**ENEMY'S GUNS SILENCED
AT SEVERAL POINTS**

In Argonne French Won Back
Trenches and Took New
Ground

Paris, Feb. 5.—The French war office to-day gave out a report on the progress of the fighting which reads as follows: "In Belgium, German aviators yesterday showed great activity."

"The announcement given out last night reported the occupation of a trench of the enemy to the west of the road from Arras to Lille. This trench was a cause of annoyance to the troops occupying the positions won by us several days ago to the east of this road. Consequently we blew it up with a mine and immediately afterwards a detachment of Zouaves and our light African infantry installed itself securely in the conquered positions. All the Germans in the trench thus occupied were reported killed or taken prisoners."

"Our artillery silenced the batteries of the enemy at a point near Adinafer (to the south of Arras), near Pozieres (northeast of Albert), near Ham (northwest of Peronne), as well as in the section of Pailley (south of Noyon)."

"There is nothing new in the region of Perthes. In the Argonne there was one attack of the enemy. This attack, which in the beginning took from us about 100 yards of trenches, provoked two counter attacks on our part, which resulted in our not only getting back this 100 yards, but in gaining ground beyond where our lines had been previously."

"In the Vosges, yesterday there were artillery exchanges."

"Along the rest of the front there is nothing to report."

Paris, Feb. 5.—The following official communication was issued by the war office last night:

"Artillery engagements have occurred in Belgium and to the north of Arras. West of the road between Lille and Arras."

"We have captured from 200 to 300 metres of the enemy's trenches near Hebuterne, north of Albert. Our fire has reached convoys and assembling points."

"By the very efficient shooting of our artillery in the valley of the Alsne, German batteries were silenced, caissons were blown up, and the men engaged in construction works dispersed and aeroplanes put to flight."

"In front of Verdun we succeeded in bringing down an aeroplane and taking the aviators prisoners."

"In Alsace a German attack near Effelsberg has failed completely."

Paris, Feb. 4.—The Austro-German troops along the Serbian frontier have been dispersed along an immense front maintained against the possibility of Rumania's entrance into the war, and the plans for a new offensive against Serbia have been abandoned in consequence, declares the Petit Parisien, which does not give the source of its information, but declares it to be authentic.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Heavy snowfalls are again reported from the heights of Hartmann-Weckerkopf and Mollkenstein, in the Vosges. There has been painstaking trench fighting with saps and hand grenades near Altkirch.

A large farm house only a short distance away from the Swiss frontier was set afire by German shells and burned. The Germans are said to have prohibited the people in the district under their control from going outside the towns. Barbed wire fences have been built around the villages, this step being considered necessary owing to the prevalence of numerous spies.

**GERMAN REPORT BRIEF
BUT MAKES CLAIMS**

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The German army headquarters staff to-day gave out the following statement:

"On the whole western front, except for an isolated French attack against the German positions to the northwest of Perthes, which was unsuccessful, only artillery duels took place."

"On the East Prussian frontier renewed Russian attacks to the south of the Memel river were repulsed."

"Strong Russian attacks against the positions recently taken by the Germans to the east of Bortnow (east of Lovicz) were equally unsuccessful."

"We have taken prisoners in that vicinity since February 1, 26 officers and about 600 men."

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Rainy River, Ont., Feb. 5.—Xavier Seguin and his wife, Josephine Seguin, were arrested yesterday by an Ontario police officer and charged with murdering Joseph Forget on January 2 by putting strychnine in his food.

12,000 TURKISH TROOPS TOOK PART IN FIGHTING

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 5.—Reports that 12,000 Turkish troops were engaged in yesterday's fighting are confirmed in an official statement issued here to-day. The troopship Hardinge was struck by two Turkish shells which wounded ten men, making the total British casualties for the day fifteen killed and ninety-two wounded.

Official statements issued yesterday recounted the repulse of a Turkish force which attacked the Suez canal at Toussoum. Another force was reported to have been driven back at El Kantara, forty miles south of Port Said.

**UNITE FINANCIAL
RESOURCES FOR WAR**

Finance Ministers of Great Britain, France and Russia Agree; Will Meet Again

Paris, Feb. 5.—The following official statement has been issued here:

"The finance ministers of Great Britain, France and Russia have met in Paris to examine into financial questions growing out of the war. It is stated that the three powers resolved to unite their financial as well as their military resources to carry on the war to victory."

"With that idea they decided to propose to their respective governments that they share equally in the advances made or to be made to the countries which are now fighting with them, or which take the field shortly for the common cause."

"The amount of these advances will be covered both by special resources of the three powers and by the issuance of a loan in the name of the three powers at the proper time. The question of the relations to be established between the issuing banks of the three countries has been the object of special agreement."

"The ministers decided to make in concert all purchases for their countries from neutral nations. They have taken the necessary financial measures to facilitate the Russian export trade, and to restore, as far as is possible, parity of exchange between Russia and the allied nations."

"They also decided to meet again as circumstances require. The next conference will be in London."

**BRIDGE-WRECKER NOW
IS SERVING SENTENCE**

Vanocboro, Maine, Feb. 5.—Werner Horn, who says he is a German officer and in that capacity tried to blow up the international bridge here, was removed to Machias to-day to serve sentence of thirty days for the damage the explosion caused on this side of the Canadian border. The case is now ended, so far as the state is concerned.

The next move, it is expected, will be by the federal authorities, who are dealing with the application for the extradition of the dynamiter to Canada, where he is wanted technically to answer for the little damage he did to the bridge on that side of the boundary line.

**TOTAL ARMY MORE
THAN THREE MILLION**

London, Feb. 5.—The army estimates, to which parliament will devote the first part of next week's session, give the number of effective men in the army, exclusive of those serving in India, at three million.

There is this year a novel change in the form of the estimates, as no totals of estimated expenditures are given. The vote under each of the fifteen headings is set at the nominal figure price of £1,000. This gives the House of Commons opportunity for the discussion of each heading, while the government may spend whatever is necessary under these various headings to prosecute the war.

**KAISER TOURS NAVAL
AND ZEPPELIN BASES**

London, Feb. 5.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent in Germany asserts that Emperor William is making a tour of the naval and Zeppelin bases at Wilhelmshaven, Cuxhaven and Heligoland, having already visited those at Zeebrugge, near Ostend.

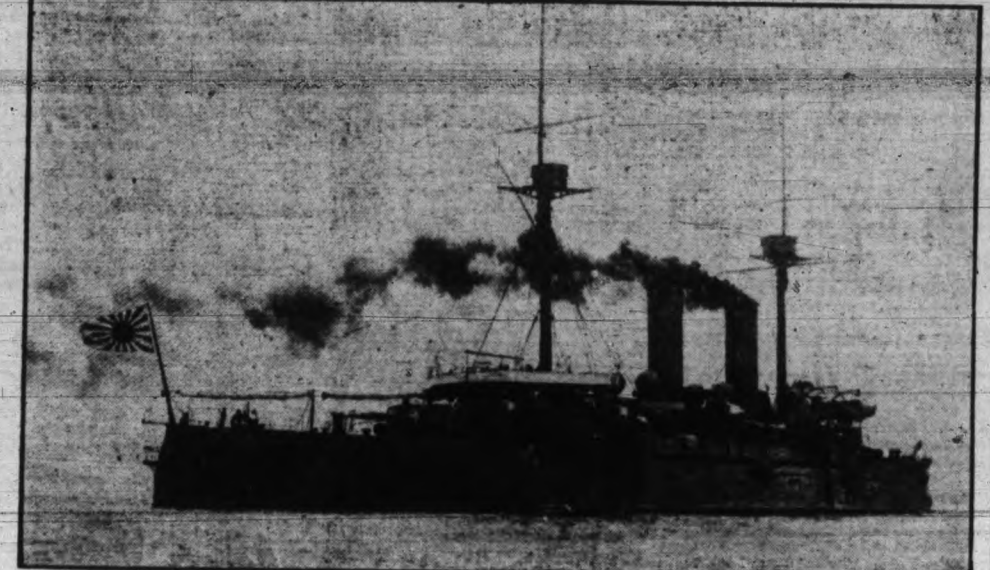
"The Zeppelin which carried out the recent raid on England," the correspondent adds, "were two from near Ostend whose departure was witnessed by Emperor William and Count Zeppelin. These airships were joined by a third Zeppelin from Heligoland."

"I learn further that a Zeppelin came to grief in the English channel on January 21, near the 57° 2' coast, owing to bad weather."

TO TAX OUTSIDERS.

Quebec, Feb. 5.—In connection with the Montreal bill now before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature, a clause was adopted providing for the imposition of a tax of \$15 on workmen from outside the province of Quebec.

WRECKED OFF MEXICO; CRUISER ASAMA



More Severe Methods Against German Trade

British Government Will Meet Latest German Threat With Prompt Counter-Stroke; Westminster Gazette Says Yesterday's Decree Will Not Induce British Admiralty to Upset Its Studied Plans; Germans Have Made Attempts for Months With Poor Results

London, Feb. 5.—Although referring sarcastically to Germany's threat to bottle up the British Isles by means of submarines as a "paper blockade," Britain is stirred to-day by this latest development in the marine situation as she seldom has been since the outbreak of hostilities. The press unanimously subordinates all other war news; not excepting the Turkish attempt to cross the Suez canal, to give prominence to the dispatches from Berlin, while the foreign office statement, following quickly the publication of the German decree, indicates that the government authorities take the German threat as one requiring a prompt counter stroke.

As the statement says the authorities are considering "more stringent measures against German trade," the ministers are treating the subject as a particular urgency and a full official statement as to the attitude of Great Britain should be forthcoming shortly.

The German press in the meantime hails this newly-announced policy of the German navy with great satisfaction. Comments received in London to-day indicate that the German papers consider as sufficient the warning to neutral ships that the waters surrounding the British Isles are to be considered a military area after February 15, and that ships attempting passage outside the channels specified do so at their own risk.

Some English newspapers declare to-day that the German announcement should, in the end, benefit Britain, in that it rightfully entitles the British government to declare contraband all foodstuffs destined for Germany.

London, Feb. 5.—The pompous decree, threatening sudden death to all who venture to approach the British coasts, adds nothing to what our enemy has done or has attempted to do since the beginning of the war," says the Westminster Gazette to-day, in commenting on the announcement of the German admiralty. The Westminster Gazette generally reflects the views of the British cabinet.

"The same effort for the last five months," the paper continues, "has been made continuously against our warships and transports with results that have been almost nil. From the military point of view, if the Germans threaten to blockade us by their threat of piracy, it is merely because in intelligent war they hitherto have had no success. The use of submarines against British merchantmen will not any more induce the government to scatter the fleet for supposed security against these sea-raiders than did German mines and Zeppelins or the raids on undefended coast towns."

The Westminster Gazette says that the German people are suffering from the pressure of British sea power more than the British have hitherto realized.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The notice from the British government that it is contemplating retaliation against German trade, though not formally before the state department, has given rise to much speculation on the part of officials as to what the British have in mind.

Although it has been denied that any official declarations that food supplies are contraband has been issued, it is believed the British notice forecasts the speedy issue of some such declaration, and in addition to this effort to cut off Germany's food supply by water, it is believed possible that the British may make the blow more severe by prohibiting the transportation of cotton to Germany.

Officials did not view the German proclamation as a threat to destroy

neutral ships if found in the war zone, but as a warning that all ships will enter there at their own risk.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Counselor Lansing of the state department took Secretary Bryan's chair at the cabinet meeting to-day.

Neither the state department nor the German embassy had received the latest Berlin admiralty statement, and it was stated at the German embassy that the Berlin foreign office probably would deliver copies to diplomatic representatives in Berlin and regard that notice as sufficient.

While it was noted that the proclamation is directed against "enemy ships" and applies to neutral ships only when the attacks "were meant for enemy ships," through suspicion of misuse of the neutral flag, officials expressed grave concern over the implied threat to sink merchant vessels, probably without warning or taking off non-combatants, passengers and crews.

During consideration of the subject by the state department, all mariners probably will be expected to heed the German warning and enter forbidden waters only at their own risk.

**MAKING NEW PLANS
TO SAVE SHIP BILL**

Washington, Feb. 5.—Democratic leaders in the senate in a further effort to save the administration ship purchase bill were to-day drawing new lines of action. Outnumbered by opposition, the majority leaders yesterday failed to carry out their plan to recommit the bill with instructions for amendment. The new plan under consideration is to recommit the bill without instructions, so as to bring it up again on a motion to discharge the committee if it fails to return the measure with amendments recommended by the caucus. Some of the leaders favor this plan if assured of enough votes to carry it.

Meantime the Democratic leaders are waiting for the return here next week of Democratic Senators Newlands of Nevada, and Smith of South Carolina. Then with the vote 48 to 48, on motion, to recommit the bill with instructions to amend, they would count on Vice-President Marshall to break the tie in their favor.

RUSSIANS ADVANCE TO WEST OF WARSAW; DESPERATE FIGHTING

Drive Germans Out of Goumien and Enter
Wola Szydlowiecka; Enemy Used Masses
of Men and Many Batteries; Tarnow
Evacuated by Austrians

Petrograd, Feb. 5.—The general staff of the Russian army, under date of February 5, has issued a report of the fighting which reads as follows:

"In East Prussia we are making progress by fighting our way along both banks of the river Scheschuppe, in the vicinity of Pasdenen, to the east of Tilsit."

"On the left bank of the river Vistula the fighting between Borjow and Wola Szydlowiecka has continued with extraordinary ferocity. The enemy has brought into the engagement compact masses of men. In the endeavor to penetrate our front the Germans have pressed into a sector of ten verst (about six miles) no fewer than seven divisions, supported by 100 batteries of artillery. Certain divisions advanced on a front only one verst wide."

"Our counter attack began the night of February 3, and was immediately followed by a series of engagements at the point of the bayonet. We succeeded in compelling the enemy to assume the defensive. At a point near Borjow we took possession of two lines of German trenches and we drove the enemy out of Goumien. After desperate fighting which has lasted two days, our troops entered Wola Szydlowiecka."

"The fighting here is still going on with desperate stubbornness, particularly around a neighboring distillery, which was still in the possession of the enemy the night of February 3."

"In the Carpathians the fighting continues along the front which is between the Dukla Pass and Mount Wyszokow. We advanced at a point near Svidnik, in the valley of the river Labore, moving in the direction of Oujok. We took 2,000 prisoners and ten machine guns."

"At Mount Toukoshka and at Mount Beskid our troops during the last few days have been confronting the enemy with a desperate resistance. They accepted no less than ten engagements at the point of the bayonet. On February 3 we resolved to withdraw our soldiers from the mountain position to others previously selected and organized by us. The offensive strength of the enemy in this vicinity is very considerable."

"The offensive operations of the enemy near Mount Wyszokow have been repulsed, with the infliction of heavy losses."

Petrograd, Feb. 5.—Not since the battles around Lodz, in Russian Poland, in the early part of December, have the Germans delivered such vicious attacks as those of yesterday when they attempted to break through the Russian lines at Borjow.

Probably never before in the eastern arena of the war have they concentrated such a force on a single point.

In a distance of six miles between Humin and Borjow, the Germans threw 125,000 infantrymen, together with heavy forces of cavalry, the whole supported by 100 batteries of artillery of 600 guns. It is estimated that in this short line there were nearly 30,000 men to the mile coming in on ten or twelve lines like the waves of the sea. The Russians, warned by the attacks of previous days in this same vicinity, had concentrated correspondingly heavy forces to resist the German advance. So close were both sides packed in this narrow space that the artillery became practically useless."

The battle was a flat plain unobstructed by either trees or houses. The latter already had been demolished by shellfire. The Russians met the Germans' advance with rifle fire and the bayonet, the first lines struggling forward and backward from trench to trench.

At some places the trenches were only a few hundred yards apart. The closeness of the lines made the fighting extraordinary sanguinary.

Whole companies were exterminated. The most desperate German resistance was at Wola Szydlowiecka, which the Russians succeeded in taking at 10 o'clock in the morning after a fight which lasted all night.

German prisoners relate that in the German camp the division chosen to lead the undertaking was dubbed the "division of death," since it appeared to be a foregone conclusion that none would survive.

The battle at Borjow is continuing with virtually unabated violence.

London, Feb. 5.—The Austro-German efforts in the Carpathians, says a Petrograd dispatch to the Mail, are meeting with no better success than Austria's earlier attempts.

"The troops of the dual monarchy," continues the dispatch, "are neither numerous enough nor provided with sufficient suitable artillery for such a

difficult task in the depth of winter. The fighting has ranged over eighty miles of front, and the Austrians have been repulsed at almost every point. Their main attack in the region of Uszok Pass and Beskid met with a most damaging repulse."

"About the middle of last week the Russians retired in the face of heavy Austrian attacks along a certain line, but only to take up better positions and draw the Austrians away from the support of a railway. This manoeuvre enabled the Russians to strike a staggering blow, under which the Austrians are now reeling."

Amsterdam, Feb. 5.—The Austro-Hungarian war press bureau has issued the following:

"Artillery and infantry fighting continues along the Nida river. We evacuated Tarnow (Galicia), after the Russians bombarded the place with heavy mortars."

"A decisive battle is being fought in the region of Dukla, where strong Russian pressure is felt in the direction of the Dukla Pass and neighboring passes. The fighting in the Carpathians is being seriously interfered with by deep snow."

Tarnow, a town of about 40,000 inhabitants, is on the Biata river, near its junction with the Donajec. It lies 135 miles west of Lemberg. It is a manufacturing centre of considerable importance, and contains a number of historic buildings, among them a cathedral built in the fifteenth century."

Venice, Feb. 5.—Dispatches from Rome state that 40,000 German troops have arrived in Hungary on their way to Korosmezo, in the Carpathians, to assist Hungarian forces said to be threatened with envelopment by the Russians.

Austrian forces, dispatches say, have attacked the Russian left flank at Jacobent, in Southern Bukovina, forcing the Russians to retreat toward Rada out.

It is stated also that an Austrian advance guard has been annihilated in Uszok Pass.

Confirmation is given the report that 300,000 German troops are being sent from Poland to assist in attempting the relief of Przemyel.

**SAYS THEY WILL USE
ALL MEANS OF WARFARE**

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The chief admiral of the staff of the German navy has issued the following official communication:

"England is on the eve of shipping numerous troops and large quantities of war materials to France. Against these British transports we will proceed with all the means of warfare at our disposal."

"Neutral shipping is earnestly cautioned against approaching the northern or the western coasts of France, as in these waters such vessels would run the serious danger of being confounded with ships whose purposes are warlike."

"The best route for the North Sea is around Scotland."

**WAS NOT THE CAUSE
BUT MADE THE PRETEXT**

London, Feb. 5.—"Until revelations were made in the ministerial statement before the Italian parliament the other day, we had no knowledge that Austria-Hungary contemplated hostile action against Serbia in 1913," said Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday. "The fact that hostile action against Serbia was contemplated in 1913 shows that the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, which occurred in 1914, was not the cause, though it was made the pretext of the war."

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COURT HAD ARTIST

GIVE HIS OPINION

Judge's Remarks in Making Ruling in Slingsby Case; Facial Features Considered

London, Feb. 5.—The judge of the probate court, in ruling that the son of Charles R. Slingsby is the legitimate heir to the £500,000 baronial property of the Slingsby family in Yorkshire, said that, after an exhaustive review of the evidence, he had come to the conclusion that Mrs. Slingsby had given birth to this child on September 1, 1910, in McAllister street, San Francisco, and that the statement that she had put forward another child was untrue and invented for the purpose of the case.

The court room was filled with relatives and friends of the Slingsbys. The judge in reviewing the case declared: "I have watched the little boy in court, and I have been much impressed with his extraordinary likeness to Mrs. Slingsby. Moreover, it is difficult to speak of Mr. Slingsby in his presence, but he has a full, round face and a peculiarly shaped jaw, and the boy is a counterpart of his father in these respects."

"I felt so strongly on these matters that I called in a personal friend, a well-known artist, Sir George Frampton. I did not tell him my view; I merely asked him to come into court and watch. Sir George immediately noted the extraordinary resemblance of the boy to his father."

"The mother was not present that day," the judge continued. "Sir George said he would like to see her, as he had noticed an odd shape of the boy's left ear which did not resemble that of his father. Accordingly, Mrs. Slingsby was brought to my room and introduced to the artist, who immediately observed the extraordinary similarity between the left ear of the mother and the left ear of the son. So far as I know the child could not have those peculiarities unless they were congenital."

PENSION SUSPENDED.

London, Feb. 4.—Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, announced in the House of Commons to-day that Sir Roger Casement's pension had been suspended pending an investigation of allegations that he was disloyal.

ARCHDEACON THINKS

STEFANSSON IS LOST

There Were No Tidings at Herschel Island at Last Reports

Dawson, Y. T., Feb. 5.—Letters dated as late as December 11, which were carried from McPherson, at the mouth of the Mackenzie river, to Rampart House, by Sergeant Clay, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, then by Indian carrier to Fort Yukon, and thence by mail to Dawson, have been received by Bishop Stringer, of the Church of England diocese of the Yukon. They contain information from the Arctic coast.

Archdeacon Whittaker, who assembled most of the news at McPherson, states that no word has been received from Vilhjalmur Stefansson, who went north in charge of the Canadian Polar expedition which became detached from the Karik after she left Stefansson visited McPherson last winter, then returned to the Arctic shore and started over the ice last March from Herschel Island toward Banks Land.

Archdeacon Whittaker says there were no tidings at Herschel from Stefansson at last reports, and he believes the explorer is lost. Anderson, chief lieutenant to Stefansson, and a party went east for Coronation Gulf in August. Stein is reported insane at Point Barrow.

Phillips, a Hudson's Bay man, brought advices from Kittigagoyvit to McPherson, according to the bishop's information early in December.

SEEK TO MINIMIZE

DAMAGE TO SHIPS

Articles in Berlin Papers; Fiction That British Lost Cruiser is Repeated

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The newspapers of Berlin have begun the publication of a series of articles on the German navy and its activities, by Otto von Gottberg, a well-known German writer. In the first of his publications he makes use of a description of the engagement in the North Sea of January 24, in which the German cruiser Blücher went down, as obtained from the men who took part in this fight.

"With the exception of the Bluecher, the cruiser Seydlitz was the only German vessel to sustain any real injury as the result of the two-hour bombardment of the British fleet," writes Herr von Gottberg.

"The British were firing at an extreme range. They kept at this distance in order to be protected from the first of our secondary batteries. This is probably the reason the shell which struck the Seydlitz, and the other which struck the battleship Derfflinger, were virtually without force. The blows they gave were so weak that it has not been necessary to replace the armor plates."

"The shells which caused the fire on the Seydlitz pierced the foundations of a turret and detonated some ammunition on board. This caused a fire and loss of life in the turret, otherwise the Seydlitz was not damaged and her fighting ability was restored as soon as this fire was extinguished. The German squadron was damaged so little that the admiral in command has not found it necessary to dock a single ship. The patching of the Seydlitz took only a few days."

"The article seeks to give additional details of the alleged sinking of one of the British cruisers."

"Too many eyes saw the sinking of this cruiser," writes Herr von Gottberg, and too many individuals in different places reported it to admit the possibility of an error."

MONTIERO NEW FOREIGN MINISTER OF PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Feb. 5.—Jose Rodriguez Monteiro, a colonel of artillery has been appointed foreign minister of Portugal.

The Portuguese Cabinet, of which Victor Hugo A. C. Coutinho was premier, resigned on January 25 and General Pimenta Castro was elected to form a new ministry. It was announced at that time that General Castro would hold provisionally the portfolios of minister of foreign affairs and minister of war, in addition to the premiership.

London, Feb. 5.—High Hon. Lewis Harcourt, the colonial secretary, speaking in the House of Commons, said the question of holding an imperial conference had been the subject of negotiations between the home and overseas governments, and that it had been decided that it was undesirable to hold one this year.

While it is true the Australasian dominions have pressed for this year's convention, they have apparently made no request direct to the colonial office on the matter.

TO PRIZE COURT.

London, Feb. 5.—Great Britain has decided that if the American steamer Wilhelmina, now on her way with a cargo of foodstuffs for Germany, is intercepted, her cargo will be submitted to a prize court.

NEUTRAL FLAG WILL

BE NO PROTECTION

German Papers on Declaration of German Admiralty; Non-Combatants Will Lose

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The entire German press greets with satisfaction the admiralty in its declaration that the waters surrounding England, Scotland and Ireland have been included in the war zone. The headlines of several papers speak of the announcement as a blockade and must be so considered.

"Neutral shipping," says the Post, "is given time to take refuge in safe harbors. Only after a measured period do all merchantmen going to and from the British Isles run into danger. Then, to be sure, men and freight not only on British ships, but under a neutral flag, are doomed to sink."

The Tagliche Rundschau says: "We have accepted Britain's battle conditions; we let Britain play its role and assumed ours with all its rights and obligations. Let him guard himself who feels like coming between us."

The Lokal Anzeiger declares Britain's own weapons are being turned against her, and when Germany destroys the 'British yoke' under which the world has suffered for centuries, it will have accomplished a high historical mission and freed the world from one of its most dangerous enemies."

The Tageblatt says Britain's conduct, to which the new decree is an answer, has been an admission that it could not defeat Germany with weapons which Germany realizes are inconceivable. The paper expresses the opinion that neutral powers will suffer losses from the new declaration, but declares these should be small compared with those which Britain imposes upon them.

CAPTAIN'S PROMPTNESS SAVED THE ASTURIAS

London, Feb. 5.—The British hospital ship Asturias, which narrowly escaped being torpedoed by a German submarine off Havre, arrived here yesterday. It had some wounded aboard.

Members of the crew say that a catastrophe was prevented by the prompt action of the captain, who, observing the white track made by the torpedo, altered the course of his vessel, bringing it sharply around in a half circle, the projectile passing astern. The light was good at the time.

MAKING ENDEAVOR TO KEEP ITALY OUT

Amsterdam, Feb. 5.—An article from its Vienna correspondent which is attracting much attention, appears in the Frankfurter Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here. The correspondent indicates that an endeavor is being made by Germany and Austria to keep Italy out of the war by satisfying her territorial aspirations. The article says Germany and Austria have frankly recognized Italy's claim to Trentino.

SERVED SIXTEEN YEARS HAS BEEN LIBERATED

Kingston, Feb. 5.—After serving sixteen years of a life sentence, "Joe" Solomon sentenced in Winnipeg for killing his wife, was liberated at noon yesterday and left for Winnipeg to reside with his sister, who has worked hard for the past few years to gain his liberty. He is 42 years of age and is said to be dying of an incurable disease. His failing health had a great deal to do with securing his release. The entire sixteen years were spent behind bars. He did not even see the outside prison walls.

POLICY UNCHANGED.

London, Feb. 5.—Although the Morning Post and other daily papers repeatedly urged a blockade of German ports to cut off all cotton and foodstuffs, the British foreign office repeatedly has made it clear that such a step is not contemplated, and announcements that its policy is the same today as in the past.

FEW RELEASED.

London, Feb. 5.—Reginald McKenna, the Home Secretary, said yesterday in the House of Commons that the actual number of interned Germans released in January was three. In the past four months, thirty were released after a careful investigation of their records.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 5.—The Woman Suffrage resolution passed by the legislature in 1913, was adopted in the senate yesterday by an unanimous vote. It previously had been adopted by the assembly. The voters of the state will be now given the opportunity to vote on the question of a constitutional amendment permitting the women the right of suffrage.

NEW C. P. R. HOTEL HEAD.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—F. L. Hutchinson, manager of the Windsor hotel, has resigned his position and will become head of the C. P. R. hotel system in succession to Hayter Reed.

OVER HALF MILLION.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—Night's new directory, just issued, gives Toronto's population at 854,322, an increase of 28,515.

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STEWART GIVEN LEAVE TO COMMENCE ACTIONS

Chief Justice Consents to Application for Permission to Proceed Against Dominion Trust Officials.

Vancouver, Feb. 5.—Civic proceedings against the directors of the Dominion Trust Company for alleged misfeasance and breaches of trust were indicated yesterday in Supreme Court chambers when Chief Justice Hunter gave leave to Andrew Stewart to commence actions against the directors and other officials of the company for misfeasance.

The application was put forward by J. W. Dixie, of the firm of Cowan, Ritchie and Grant, solicitors for the liquidator, and was assented to by J. H. Lawson, jr., solicitor for the creditors. The nature of the actions to be brought and the individuals to be proceeded against Mr. Dixie declined to disclose, as the papers are not yet prepared in the suits.

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with the result that I am advised by them that the said acts amount to breaches of trust and other offences against the provisions of the Winding-Up Act, and that it is my duty to institute proceedings against various persons who occupied the said positions for misfeasance."

SUGGEST CREATION OF SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, Feb. 5.—Government aid in building up an American merchant marine, and federal legislation permitting the maintenance of re-sale prices, were recommended in special reports submitted at yesterday's session of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

In its report, the committee on merchant marine advocated the creation of a federal shipping board to encourage the establishment and successful operation of an American merchant marine, and a marine development company, capitalized at \$30,000,000 to advance funds to buyers or builders of steamers.

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By the smashing of the Turkish army in the Caucasus, one reason which has kept Roumania out of the war loses its force. The meeting of the Bulgarian and Roumanian kings may remove another, if it means that the two nations are to agree upon a boundary. Their influence might be potent in reorganizing the Balkan League upon a larger scale than in 1912.

Roumania is the leading Balkan nation. Her commerce exceeds that of Greece, Serbia and Bulgaria combined. Her petroleum products are important war material. Her finance is sound. Her excellent army numbers with the reserves nearly 600,000 men, of whom the usual percentage could be mobilized for attack.

With 1,000,000 Roumanians over the Russian line and 3,000,000 over the Hungarian line in Transylvania and

Bukowina, Roumania has three reasons for siding with the allies for one reason which should incline her toward Germany. Whatever pretext may be given for hostilities, her sole purpose would be to extend her boundaries.

Except for some Saxon colonies and a group of Magyars occupying a considerable section in the bend of the boundary, the Roumanians in Hungary are compactly placed to the eastward of a line connecting Temesvar with Maramaros-Sziget. Pushing the boundary out to that line would add to Roumania an area larger than West Virginia and make her a nation of 10,500,000 souls.

There are many "ifs." Hungary would not let her Roumanians go except in the last extremity. Other Balkan nations would not look calmly on such aggrandizement of Roumania unless they also stood to gain something in the melee. And naturally Roumania, if resolved upon fighting, would prefer to delay as long as possible without endangering her purposes.—New York World.

The wife of General Metzinger, a distinguished French officer, whose son, a captain in the army, was recently wounded, was travelling from Switzerland to Lorraine. She overheard a conversation between two German officers during a rainstorm. One said: "Oh, I left my umbrella at a hotel in Paris." The other replied: "Never fear, you will be able to go and get it next week." "Pray do not trouble yourselves," interrupted Mme. Metzinger, "my son, who is a captain in the French army, will undertake to bring it to Berlin himself."

BOWSER DEFENDS HIS DOMINION TRUST ACTS

Attorney-General Recognizes Crisis in His Political Fortunes

There was a crowded house yesterday afternoon to hear Hon. W. J. Bowser defend himself from the charges made against him in connection with the failure of the Dominion Trust company. All the galleries were filled and many sat in the reserved chairs on the floor of the chamber.

The attorney-general was in good form, in spite of a cold which bothered him for a few minutes at first. Confronted by the greatest crisis in his political career, Mr. Bowser had carefully prepared his speech and he delivered it effectively and with sufficient force and fire, but without the usual left-handed compliments which he pays to his political opponents.

Mr. Bowser's brief for the defence was, naturally enough a legal one. He was not to blame, nor was the government, in any way, but if he or it was to blame so were other provinces and all those connected with the concern. A definite decision was announced that the government will not give any financial relief to the depositors. It has, however, briefed E. P. Davis, K.C., one of the leaders of the bar in British Columbia, to fight to the Privy Council for the recognition of the depositors as being on a par with all other creditors. Pending the end of litigation before the bonds for \$250,000 can be collected, the money is to be made available for the beneficiaries by a vote in this year's estimates.

An interesting fact was made known regarding Hon. Mr. Bowser's next candidature. Instead of forsaking Vancouver for Victoria, as has been long understood, he will still contest a seat in the mainland city, where he dropped at last election from first place to second.

Mr. Bowser began by an assertion that the opposition had no monopoly of sympathy for the unfortunate depositors of the defunct Dominion Trust, and he accused the Liberal party of being really more actuated by a desire for his political death than any feeling for the depositors. The report of his meeting with the Vancouver depositors, as reported in the South Vancouver Chronicle and reproduced in the Times, he denounced as a dastardly attack upon himself and, through him, upon the government.

The attorney-general, early in his speech and frequently throughout it, impressed upon the house that this whole matter must be looked upon from the point of view of 1913, and not from that of the even worse after the event in 1915; that the glamour thrown over directors, depositors, the public, the government and the attorney-general by the late W. R. Arnold as general manager of the concern must be considered as in large part a commutation of any blame which it might be sought to attach to him.

Also early in his speech Mr. Bowser laid stress on the fact that in the Dominion Act of 1912, incorporating the Dominion Trust company and empowering it to take over the Dominion Trust company, limited, of provincial incorporation, which gives it power "to receive moneys in trust for investment and allow interest thereon for a reasonable time until invested." This company alone, he said, had the right from the federal parliament to do so, and as a lawyer he doubted very much whether the argument was not a good one that the company had all along, since 1912, been perfectly entitled to take deposits under this legislation. Other companies, the Union, the National, the Canadian, the Imperial, were all accepting deposits, although not allowed to take them by federal legislation. Referring to a statement by the member for Newcastle in the house the other day, that he should hang his head in shame, Mr. Bowser said, with some warmth:

"I have never, in this country, either in my public or my private life, done anything I am afraid to face any man for, I hold my head just as high today as I did before the Dominion Trust closed."

He then took up the statement of The Chinook, of South Vancouver, that at a meeting of depositors he had said the bill of 1912 passed the house here as a matter of political expediency, and that while he knew it was ultra vires he had allowed it to pass sooner than risk the defeat of the government. He had entertained doubts concerning the bill, a private measure introduced by the company, as to its constitutionality in that it gave the company power to take money on deposit, and chiefly that it added to the powers given by the federal parliament. But at that time the privy council decision in the John Deere case had not been given, there was nothing to show that his view of the case was right, as all knew now, and on a private bill what he could say would only be his own opinion. The view was, however, placed before the committee by the departmental solicitor, but the committee did not consider there was anything in it and passed the bill. Even if he had opposed it and had the bill killed, the company would still have gone on taking deposits under the power it claimed by virtue of the section cited above. It was absurd to talk about a defeat of the government, as this was out of the question on a private bill.

The attorney-general quoted from the statutes of Saskatchewan, New Brunswick and Manitoba where identical legislation to that passed here in 1913 had been adopted, allowing deposits in the Dominion Trust, and he laid emphasis on the attorney-general of Saskatchewan being a Liberal. Later on in his speech Mr. Bowser claimed the credit of being the only attorney-general who had obeyed the orders of the federal government and repudiated the legislation. If he was to blame, he said, then these gentlemen were equally to blame. From April 1, 1912, to March 1, 1913, the company was taking deposits under federal legislation. Was

he to blame for that? Who was to blame? There was only one person, the man who has gone, and perhaps the unfortunate depositors who did not take care to read what was the condition of the company when they invested.

To show the state of the company in 1913, Mr. Bowser read the annual statement submitted at the meeting that year, and the report of the auditors, all showing it to be in splendid shape. The whole public, including himself, that have drawn only one conclusion from that report, that the company was absolutely sound. He went very fully into the operations of the Union Trust company, of which Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance in the Dominion cabinet, was formerly general manager, and the other trust companies mentioned to show that they were doing the same thing as the Dominion Trust had done, taking deposits and paying interest on them. Reasons why the public deposited in the Dominion Trust seemed to be, first, the magnetic personality of Arnold; second, the fact they got a little more interest than from the banks, and third, the magnificent buildings the company had in various parts of the country, the reputable citizens on the board of directors, and the reputation the company had built up as being a strong financial institution.

The claim had been made, he said, that he was personally responsible for the depositors having placed money there. He challenged the member for Newcastle to produce within a week one affidavit from a man who had deposited money stating that he had ever thought of the existence of such a man as W. J. Bowser when he put his money in. He also challenged him to produce an affidavit from any depositor within two weeks who, when he put in his money, knew who was the company's solicitor, or that the attorney-general was a member of it. As to the number of depositors affected by this legislation, Mr. Bowser stated that there were 2,123 depositors and on October 12 last there were 2,792. From January, 1913, to the time of the smash there were 135 new depositors, and these were all that could possibly make any claim to have been influenced by what the legislature had done.

That he alone of all the attorney-generals of the provinces where Dominion Trust legislation was passed had, under the new Trust Companies Act, secured a bond for the protection of the depositors was claimed by Mr. Bowser. There is a bond for \$200,000 from the Railway Accident & Guarantee company and one for \$50,000 from the London Guarantee & Accident company for the benefit of widows and orphans under intestate estates. As tending to his mind, to show how Arnold may have been deceiving every one, the attorney-general included, Mr. Bowser stated that the late manager had offered the big bond two months before it had to be filed. The company in that case, he stated later on, is going to fight against paying the bond, and presumably the London company will do the same.

Mr. Bowser next read correspondence with Mr. Arnold, in which that gentleman, professed himself as greatly pleased with the idea of having a very stringent trust bill, which would, among other things, prevent the mixing of trust funds by the smaller and less scrupulous companies. The late manager was also a voluminous contributor to financial journals in praise of the bill. The roll of directors was gone over one by one by the minister, and the extent of their personal losses mentioned. His own law partner, R. L. Reid, K. C., was a director and is responsible on his stock for \$4,515. Mr. Bowser vehemently disclaimed any knowledge of the shaky conditions of the company for months or years, and asked what sort of a devil incarnate he would have been to allow his partner and personal friends to lose their money and he keep silent. What he had stated at the meeting of depositors was that it would appear from the report of C. R. Drayton, the provisional liquidator, that the company had been in a bad condition for a long time.

It had been suggested, he went on, that as attorney-general he did not propose to carry on any prosecutions. He had not yet been asked to institute any prosecutions, and it was a little premature until the liquidator found what could be got out of the wreck for the unfortunate people who placed their money there. When the time came, if anyone was found to be guilty, he would do as he had always done in the administration of his office, carry out the law irrespective of persons.

It might have been thought, the attorney-general said, that with a company of such splendid prospects, possessing such a magnetic manager, such fine directors and all would be about the best trust company to be inspected. On July 29 last, fourteen days after the company had filed its bond, Inspector Runnalls had made his first trip of inspection. What he learned convinced him that something was wrong, and this he communicated to him (Mr. Bowser). The investigation proceeded and a report in writing was condition which had to be met hurriedly. On his advice Frederick Clubb was advised, he in turn called in P. R. Stewart, and together they got Arnold in, but the latter apparently put the directors asleep. Mr. Bowser said that he must take credit for being the first to discover the condition of affairs, and in the absence of the premier in England, Inspector Runnalls and the auditor, had worked for days trying to save the institution and avoid a panic. A final report was to have been ready for him on his return from the interior on October 20, but on October 12 he learned of Arnold's death on the way up the Cariboo road.

Defending Bowser, Reid & Wallace from the charge of being responsible for the smash, Mr. Bowser said it would be as absurd to blame any lawyer in the house for the failure of a bank or financial institution for which he was solicitor. He contended that he had a right to believe Arnold was telling him the truth and so had the depositors. "Everyone" had been deceived by Arnold—the depositors, the directors, the public, the government, the attorney-general. He was quite ready to take all the blame that might attach to him but he wanted a fair fight and an honest one. He proposed

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Mr. Bowser announced that the government could not undertake to refund to the depositors the amount of their losses, but it had engaged E. P. Davis, K.C., to fight to the last court in the Empire to secure for the depositors the same position as other creditors. As there probably would be a long delay in the collection of the bonds the government would this session put a vote of \$250,000 into the estimates and this would be used by the minister of finance under the Trustee Act to give what benefit it could to creditors.

The adjournment of the debate was moved by Parker Williams until to-day.

At the close of his speech Mr. Bowser was congratulated by many of his friends.

NAME COMMISSIONERS FOR TWO BOARDS

One Local Company is Gazetted This Week; New Local Notaries Public

The government has reappointed the police commissioners in this city. Ald. A. E. Todd and R. B. Powell, and the license commissioners, Alderman R. J. Porter and James Forman. The appointments, however, have not yet been gazetted.

Appointments on the Island are: Police commissioners—City of Nanaimo: Alderman James Crossan and James R. McKinnell. City of Port Alberni: Alderman Robt. H. Wood and G. Wilson Faulkner. City of Courtenay: Alderman T. W. Cooke and Nell McFadyen. City of Courtenay: Alderman Wm. H. Kirkwood and Harry Idiens. License commissioners—City of Nanaimo: Alderman Edward G. Cavalsky and James Fender. City of Port Alberni: Alderman Robt. McG. Ellis and Alexander Sproat. City of Courtenay: Alderman Donald R. McDonald and Thomas D. McLean.

Appointments announced are: Charles O'Brien, of Coal Creek, to be instructor and caretaker of the mines, rescue and training station in the city of Fernie in the place of George O'Brien.

To be fence-viewers for the northern Okanagan district: W. J. Fenton, H. Twigg and W. Jones, all of Enderby, and W. Owens, of Mara. Walter Noel, of Smithers, to be a deputy mining recorder for the

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A tramway checker was watching the work of the green Irish conductor. "Here, Foley, how is this?" he said. "You have ten passengers and only nine tickets punched." "Is that so?" said Foley. Then, turning to the passengers, he shouted: "There's wan too many av yez on this car. Get out of here, wan av yez!"

Henry Dwight Ruggles, police magistrate for the municipality of Pt. Grey, ver, is to have jurisdiction under the "Small Debts Court Act" within the limits of the said city.

Frank Chalmers Raney, police magistrate for the municipality of Point Grey, is to have jurisdiction under the "Small Debts Court Act" within the limits of the said municipality.

John Jex Woods, of the city of North Vancouver, to be police magistrate in and for the district municipality of North Vancouver and to have jurisdiction under the "Small Debts Court Act" within the territorial limits of the said municipality.

George O'Brien, of the city of Fernie, is to be an inspector of coal mines and an inspector of metalliferous mines.

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THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEFENCE.

The Attorney-General's defence on the Dominion Trust matter was able, vigorous and ingenious. In a nutshell, his case was that he and his colleagues, like the directors, depositors, creditors, inspectors, auditors and bond companies, were the victims of misplaced confidence. They were fooled to the top of their bent by the persuasive, magnetic and resourceful Arnold, who, according to the picture so graphically drawn by Mr. Bowser, must have been the most incredibly consummate magic worker and the most gifted histrionic genius of the generation. For not only did the late managing-director deceive the Attorney-General but he must have deceived the company's solicitors, the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, who with a guilelessness foreign to experienced members of the legal profession, must have accepted at its face value everything this young man of almost miraculous powers told them. Those who listened to Mr. Bowser yesterday must have felt amazed that one so able should have been so easily deceived, especially when, as he told us, he was possessed of a suspicious disposition.

But even if we accept Mr. Bowser's plea in all its aspects, which, with the provisional liquidator's report before us, and other information of the affair, we are unable to do, there rests upon the government—not solely upon the Attorney-General—an irreducible minimum of responsibility which cannot be explained away. It is known now that the company's affairs were in a precarious condition for at least two years. Under the Trust Companies Regulation Act of 1911 the company had to forward to the Minister of Finance quarterly a report setting out all the assets and liabilities and other details in connection with its business. A trust company inspection branch was established by the government. In view of these precautions and regulations, would Mr. Bowser have us assume that no culpability attaches to the lack of vigilance which he asks us to believe existed in official quarters? With this connection between the government and trust companies generally, how comes it that the manipulations of Mr. Arnold were so absolutely a sealed book? In the very legislation it placed upon the statute books the government admitted its responsibility to the public in relation to business enterprises of this character, and that responsibility did not disappear because those charged with the administration of the legislation permitted themselves to be chloroformed by a managing-director in the same way that he "put to sleep" his colleagues on the directing board.

In the statement of the company's assets reported by the provisional liquidator were the following:

	Approximate Interest.
British Canadian Securities, Limited	\$1,231,704.72
Western Canada City Properties, Limited	338,232.34
Alvo von Alvensleben, Limited	528,483.19
Syndicate No. 8, W. R. Arnold	362,604.35
Central Okanagan Lands, Limited	
Columbia Valley Orchards, Limited	
Seymour Arm Estates, Limited	570,908.56
Vancouver Industrial Sites, Limited	46,719.59
Grand total	\$3,449,762.75

In addition to the above amounts, there are large contingent liabilities, for example, Alvo von Alvensleben, \$34,421.68.

These are described by the provisional liquidator as highly speculative. They must have appeared in the company's last report to the Minister of Finance in pursuance of the act. Was there nothing suspicious in that statement? Did the connection of the subsidiary companies and Alvo von Alvensleben, who got from the Dominion Trust a million dollars, suggest nothing? Mr. Bowser pleads ignorance of the matter, but while he

fought ably and cleverly for his own hand he left the trust inspection branch and the department of finance seriously damaged. We can only hope that we believe that either the inspector of trust companies or his superior were so abjectly stupid that they suspected nothing wrong until late in the summer of last year. If they were, they are incapable of discharging the duties with which they are entrusted by the people of this province, while the acumen with which the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge is credited has been sadly overrated. One wonders why it was that if Mr. Arnold was so extraordinarily clever as to pull the wool over the eyes of those whose duty it was to check closely the operations of the company as well as the astute Sir Richard and suspicious Mr. Bowser, he was not clever enough to avert the catastrophe which overtook it, to the ruin of scores of people and his own fatal end. The provisional liquidator's report does not credit the government with so much gullibility. It says "both the Dominion and British Columbia governments were aware that the company was carrying a large amount of deposits."

The Attorney-General repudiated that part of the report of an interview with a committee of depositors appearing in a South Vancouver paper which credited him with saying that he knew the bill of 1913 was ultra vires of the legislature but that he did not intervene because he did not desire to cause a party split. He explained that he had "doubted" if the legislature had the power to authorize the company to take deposits and instructed an officer of the department to raise the point with the private bills committee. The chairman of that committee, the member for Grand Forks, a lawyer of standing, disagreed with his view, and the bill was reported and passed. Mr. Bowser did not press his doubt upon the floor of the legislature, preferring to have the point determined at Ottawa when in the usual course the bill reached there. But, as is generally known, it is at least almost a year before Ottawa decides the question of disallowance of provincial legislation. In this case it was not until late in 1913 that the federal Minister of Justice informed the Attorney-General that the bill would be disallowed if it was not changed. Yet during all that time the company continued to exercise powers the legality of which was doubtful in the mind of the Attorney-General. Why did he not hold up the bill and give the depositors the benefit of that "doubt" instead of giving it to the persuasive and magnetic Mr. Arnold and as events showed, indirectly to the industrious von Alvensleben?

But, says Mr. Bowser, the company had been taking deposits under its Dominion charter obtained in 1912, and there was a "doubt" whether subsection "G," section 7, did not give it that power. The company, however, and evidently its solicitors, had no illusions on that point. It had endeavored to obtain from Ottawa in the charter the specific power to take deposits as well as other concessions which had been refused. So to feel sure of its ground it sought that privilege from the legislature of British Columbia, and Mr. Bowser says from Manitoba, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan. The bill of 1913, concerning which the Attorney-General had a doubt he did not press, as introduced by Mr. Watson of Vancouver, who was conspicuous as an applause generator yesterday afternoon, specifically vested the company with "further powers" which, among a considerable list of concessions not recognized in the Dominion act, specifically authorized it to "receive money upon deposit and to allow interest on the same." Section 7 of the Ottawa charter gave the company the power to "receive moneys in trust for investment and to pay interest thereon for a reasonable time until investment," a totally different thing. The Dominion act also particularly prohibited the company from engaging in the business of banking. It confined the company's powers to receiving money in trust for investment on first mortgages on improved freehold property, in Dominion, provincial, municipal or school bonds, or in securities authorized by the terms of the trust. It did not authorize the company to give Alvo von Alvensleben a million dollars. He was one man Mr. Arnold did not fool.

The power to take deposits granted under the Bank Act is clear and concise. There can be no doubt about that. The depositors believed that the Dominion Trust had the authority to act in the nature of a savings bank. They are not familiar with legal terms, and where there is any "doubt" as to the powers of a company to take their money they expect that their interests will be safeguarded by the Attorney-General. How many victims thought that instead of being depositors in the company in the same manner as they would be depositors in a chartered bank, they were in effect nothing more than lenders without the statutory security that lenders in other cases enjoy? Therein lies the crux of the situation as it affects the depositors. They were

deceived and betrayed. Was not that possibility sufficient basis for the Attorney-General to translate his doubt into active interference when the company's bill came before the legislature in 1913?

In the session of 1914 the concessions granted in 1913 were repealed by the legislature, on the threat of disallowance by Ottawa, but the company continued to take deposits. The Attorney-General declared yesterday that there were very few deposits after 1913 in spite of the powers conferred upon the company by the legislature, which, owing to the depressed financial conditions, can be easily understood. But the depositors in the former company which had been acquired by the Dominion Trust continued to entrust their money to the latter's keeping. Had the doubt been raised when it should have been they would have withdrawn their money. This would have caused a "financial panic," the Attorney-General says, but they might have saved something from the wreck. We quite agree that the public, the financial papers, bond company and probably the directors, were deceived by Mr. Arnold, but we cannot believe that with the knowledge of the company's affairs which should have been gained by the inspector of trust companies in the performance of his duties prescribed by the law the government shared Mr. Bowser's unhappy ignorance of what was going on until late in the summer of 1914. To arrive at the whole truth of the matter there should be an investigation by an impartial commissioner, and the probe should be started at once.

STRANGULATION AND BLUFF.

There is a note of desperation, if not of despair, in the latest utterances of the German Chancellor and the German press. Having failed in impressing the world with the sincerity of their motives in entering upon the war and with the high altruism of Teutonic culture, they announce Germany's determination to prosecute hostilities regardless of consequences to neutral nations or to themselves. They have proclaimed a farcical blockade of the British coast, a region they boasted a few days ago had been "conquered of its isolation," by raids of fugitive war and airships. They admit Germany is gasping in the strangle grip of the British fleet, and announce that they are going to do some strangling on their own account by submarine attacks on every ship, be it that of a neutral or of an enemy, that approaches the coasts of France or Great Britain. If innocent passengers happen to be making passage upon ships doomed by the apostles of Kultur and virtue, that is their misfortune. They must endure premature death in order that the only organism fit to live (Germany) may survive and dominate the world. The promulgation of this decree will create some commotion throughout the world—if the world accepts it seriously. It is so startling that as yet it has created little comment.

But note the change in the German programme. A few weeks ago the authoritative plan of campaign was published. So many days were allowed for the capture of Calais; so many weeks for the entire subjugation of France; a few more to bring Russia to her knees pleading for terms; before summer Britain would be humbled in the dust and eager to acknowledge Germany's dominance of the seas and of the uttermost parts of the earth. All this was to be accomplished by military prowess. The "ever-victorious" and "invincible" armies were to perform the principal part, with Zeppelins and mythical guns of gargantuan proportions rendering valuable assistance. For months the "invincible armies" have been beating their lives out against the stone walls of the allies along the western and eastern fronts. The Zeppelins have made their long threatened raids. The fleet attempted a final feat of "higher strategy," and was ignominiously hammered back to its basic haven of refuge with a lesson that has taught von Tirpitz something respecting the real value of his particular branch of Germany's war machine. The last hope is a bluff regarding the blockade of the coast by submarines, coupled with a threat intended to impress neutrals with the "frightfulness" or "awfulness" of Germany's methods. The German Chancellor thinks that, having failed to convert the world to the cultural viewpoint, he can intimidate it and thus escape the consequences the Kaiser and his warlords have precipitated. But they will not succeed in breaking that strangle hold.

The Colonel regrets that we cannot have a war session of the provincial legislature as well as a war session of the Dominion Parliament. Which may be interpreted as meaning that our contemporary would be pleased if some way could be found of shielding Sir Richard McBride and his government from criticism. Why not carry the matter farther and have war sessions of all municipal councils?

The Winnipeg Free Press says the McBride government's railway policy is a millstone around the government's neck that eventually will drown it in the deep waters of popular wrath. We

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have not begun to realize the full effects of that railway policy yet, but it is no doubt true that for the next twenty years "we shall be paying through the nose for the 'glorious summer' of Sir Richard's career. Besides, the railway policy is not the only millstone that hangs upon the government's neck. We have felt neither the immediate nor the ultimate effect of the railway policy as yet. But other chickens have come home to roost.

TRADE AND LOANS.

From the Monetary Times.
During the past few weeks alone, United States bond houses, sometimes in co-operation with Canadian firms, have purchased about \$30,000,000 Canadian securities. This is a good sign, because if the United States desires to retain its remarkably large share of the dominion's import business at this time, it must purchase a far greater amount of our high-grade securities than it has done hitherto. As soon as Great Britain begins to buy any new securities other than war issues, she will buy Canadian issues. Meaning we must hope that the market for our bonds in the United States will continue to grow. As Sir Edmund Walker said last week, we cannot too often draw the attention of the United States to the fact that when our foreign trade is analyzed the net debit for the difference between our sales and our purchases is payable to them and not to Europe. If the war prevents London from buying our securities, either the United States must buy them or our great trade with that country must fall away, and the cry of "Made in Canada" would then have even a wider significance than it has today.

During the year ended March, 1914, omitting the figures for coin and bullion, we made purchases from the United States to the value of \$40,818,000 and we sold them goods to the value of \$178,282,000, so that with a net excess of imports from all countries of \$137,464,000, the excess in the case of the United States was \$231,336,000.

Here is a table compiled by The Monetary Times showing what the share of the United States has had of Canada's import trade and showing the amount of our high-grade bonds purchased by the neighboring republic:

Year.	Canada's imports from United States.	United States' purchases of Canadian high-grade securities.
1909	\$182,690,988	\$10,367,500
1910	233,611,155	1,534,000
1911	284,665,497	17,253,862
1912	342,281,403	39,966,406
1913	450,013,452	50,720,762
1914	410,792,771	53,944,545

Part of the excess of imports in favor of the United States and amounting last year to \$23,558,000 in the matter of trade between the two countries is offset by the actual cash brought into Canada by settlers from the United States, part by investments made here by United States people, and part by the purchase of our securities, but it has mainly been met in the past out of the proceeds of our sales of securities in London and on the continent of Europe. This is shown in the following table, compiled by The Monetary Times, and which should be read in conjunction with the figures tabulated above:

Year.	Canada's imports from Great Britain.	Great Britain's purchases of Canada's high-grade securities.
1909	\$7,555,885	\$194,356,788
1910	95,608,004	188,070,128
1911	110,585,004	204,203,143
1912	117,191,621	204,236,394
1913	135,646,356	277,470,750
1914	122,831,293	185,960,659

The United States has a heavy volume of savings to invest. A goodly part of the money might well be placed in high-grade Canadian bonds. That will help the United States to retain its sixty and more per cent. of Canadian imports.

NO KAISER INVESTMENTS HERE.

The Monetary Times has more than once denied the story that the German Emperor ever made investments in Canada. The story, however, has been repeated with a show of some authority. No investments have been made in Canada by the Kaiser. The famous Alvo von Alvensleben, while having invested certain German funds in Canada, and having made matters interesting for the Dominion Trust company, the Bank of Vancouver and other Canadian institutions, did not make any investments here for the German Emperor. Alvensleben's advertisements and business methods had been criticised by at least one, if not more, influential German newspaper, and the criticism was reprinted in The Monetary Times. The Kaiser investment story should yield to truth.

G. B. A. TRIFLE PANICKY.

New York Sun.
Bernard Shaw's new tack of advising Irishmen to enlist in the French rather than the British army for the purpose of putting down "Prussian militarism" seems to indicate a sharp realization that he has made a mistake in attacking his own country in presence of the enemy. Indeed the lapse in his sense of humor, not to speak in the stumble in his logic, suggests that he has become a trifle panicky over the results of his literary escapade. Mr. Shaw is not accustomed to be taken quite seriously, and apparently part of his recuperation after the effect of a change of public attitude in that regard.

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No. 6, regular price \$1.90. Sale price.....	\$1.50

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Dresser, in surfaced oak, finished golden color; four-drawer style, and a good, useful size. February Sale Price.....	\$10.75
Solid Oak Chiffoniere in golden finish, five-drawer style, with bevelled oval mirror. February Sale Price	\$15.00
Solid Oak Chiffoniere in golden finish, five-drawer style, shaped front and mirror. February Sale Price	\$13.75

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"The Lord's Supper."—Rev. William Stevenson will preach at Emmanuel Baptist church on Sunday morning on "The Lord's Supper," and in the evening his subject will be "The Making of a Good Soldier."

Our Tongues.—The consecration of our tongues was the subject of discussion at the meeting of the Fairfield Epworth league held on Monday evening, Miss H. S. Henderson leading the debate and bringing forward many suggestions as to the manner in which people might better use their tongues than too often the agent of ill-thoughts.

Weather in January.—For the past twenty-five years Victoria has not realized such another month as the January just past. In Victoria there were 83.06 hours of sunshine, and the total rainfall was only 1.55 inches. The lowest temperature recorded was 21 above zero, the highest 49. The lowest grass temperature recorded from Gonzales hill was 24 degrees above.

Invitations for Dance.—Invitations have been issued by the Young Catholic Athletic club for their benefit dance to be held in the Connaught hall next Thursday evening. For some weeks the committee have been working earnestly to make the affair a huge success. Bantley's orchestra has been engaged. The proceeds will be donated to the St. Vincent and St. Paul Aid societies to assist them in their work to benefit the poor.

Vote of Condolence.—At a recent meeting of the local lodge of the Order of the Royal Arcanum, a vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul. The Royal Arcanum Council at Rock River, Illinois, passed a similar vote at a recent meeting in recognition of the activities of a former member who was much esteemed in the order there as well as here.

Sent Clothing to Belgians.—Messrs. G. S. Whitmore, and J. H. Hall, of Messrs. Weiler Brothers, this city, have received a letter from Rotterdam, thanking them for a consignment of clothing sent for the use of Belgian refugees. This, it was stated, had been distributed among worthy Belgians who had sought refuge in Holland, and had been very gratefully received by them. The clothing was donated by the employees of Messrs. Weiler.

Attending Conference.—Four delegates from local Y. M. C. A. left yesterday for Bellingham, where they will attend the boys' conference which is in session. The delegates (Clarence Ferris, Arthur Dowell, Alex. Stewart and W. Crompton, the boys' secretary), expect to be back on Tuesday. J. H. Beatty, of Sprout-Shaw college, will be the speaker at to-morrow's supper in the Y. M. C. A. boys' department, and will take as his subject, "The Kind of Boy a Business Man Likes."

Has Important Office.—Stewart Gordon, formerly of the Canadian Pacific Railway Hotel department, and well known to many Canadian golfers, has been appointed secretary and treasurer to a 525 bed hospital being organized by the St. John's ambulance brigade for service on the continent. Colonel Sir James R. A. Clark, Bt., C. B., E. R. C. S., chief commissioner of St. John's ambulance, will have general charge. The surgical, medical, nursing and general staff will number over 200.

St. John's W. A.—The regular monthly meeting of St. John's Women's Auxiliary was held on Tuesday, the president, Mrs. R. H. Walker, presiding. During the early part of the proceedings a special resolution of regret at the passing of the late rector, Rev. Percival Jenkins, who had given himself so unceasingly to the work of the parish for many years, was carried, and the new rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, was welcomed with the assurance that he could count on the hearty support of all W. A. members. Reports from all departments of the society were highly satisfactory. Mrs. Hawkins reading a report of the last diocesan meeting. The next diocesan meeting, members were reminded, will be held in St. John's parish hall. A tea and sale of work will be held in the Sunday school rooms on April 16, the first Tuesday after Easter. Tuesdays in lent will be occupied with sewing meetings.

Soldiers.—All "Jinties" and Willows cars stop at the Skene Lowe Studio, corner Yates and Douglas. Hear quarters for Sepias.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, February 5, 1890.

Mrs. David Reid, for many years a resident of Victoria, died at North Saanich last evening. Mrs. Reid was 63 years of age and came to this province in 1864. The funeral service will take place at North Saanich church on Friday.

Mr. R. P. Rithet announces that by the first of next month work will be commenced on the extension to the outer wharf to provide accommodation for the China steamers, or any large craft which come into these waters.

News has been received here by the Minister of Mines of the total loss by fire of the government reduction works at Barkerville, Cariboo. The total loss is about \$20,000.

The House in session yesterday dealt with the opium license by-law and the bill to establish a juvenile reformatory.

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The Event of the Season—Capital Ball at Alexandra club, Feb. 15.

Bishop's First Sermon.—Dean Doull the bishop-elect of Kootenay, is expected to preach his first sermon as bishop at the city of Nelson on March 7. He will also address the Canadian club in the same city about that date.

Seeking for Brother.—Henry H. Hogmann, 2305 10th Avenue south, Minneapolis, is seeking his brother Frank, who left there for Seattle in 1890. He was heard of in Seattle eleven years ago.

"Victoria as It Is."—Rev. J. G. Inkster, of the First Presbyterian church, will preach a sermon dealing with several local problems at the first Presbyterian church on Sunday night, when his subject will be "Victoria as It Is."

Special Meeting C. O. F.—The Canadian Order of Foresters will hold a special meeting in the Grange hall, Yates street, this evening at 8 o'clock, when the organizer for this district will be present and all members are requested to attend. Several new members will be initiated.

Continue Series.—The Victoria branch of the Imperial British Israel association meets on Tuesday, February 9, at 8 p. m., in the Congregational church building (Mission street entrance, first floor), when the president will lead the second of the "Covenants" series of studies. They are open to the public.

Peace Centenary Celebration.—H. C. Brewster, Hon. D. M. Eberts and Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott will speak at the public meeting to be held in St. Andrew's church on Thursday, February 18, the date selected for the peace centenary celebration. All the speakers will deal with various aspects of the hundred years of peace.

Ladies' Guild Sale.—Members of the Ladies' guild of the First Baptist church will hold a sale of home-cooking to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at home of Mrs. Atkinson, 1635 Chandler street. (Mission street entrance, first floor). The sale will include candy, cakes and other dainties. All the proceeds will go towards paying for seats in the new church. Mrs. Doull, honorary president of the guild will open the sale.

Birthday of Lincoln.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Wesley church, Victoria, will hold an entertainment in celebration of Lincoln's birthday anniversary on February 12. Rev. S. J. Thompson will deliver a lecture on "Lincoln, the Great War President." The event will be held in the Wesley church, and tickets for admission may be procured from members of the Ladies' Aid society or from Mrs. W. C. Bond, Craigflower road.

Letters for Troops.—Arrangements have been made by the ordinary rate of two cents per ounce, applicable to all letters sent from Canada to the United Kingdom, will apply to letters addressed to British and Canadian troops on the continent. The rate on ordinary letters from Canada for the continent is five cents for the first ounce, and three cents for each subsequent ounce, so that this extension of the two-cent-an-ounce rate to letters addressed to our soldiers on the continent is a decided reduction in favor of correspondence going to the soldiers.

Poster Ball To-night.—The fancy dress and poster ball to be held this evening in the Alexandra ballroom by Mrs. Simpson promises to be a picturesque and entertaining event, as, although fancy dress is optional, there is no doubt that a great number of the dancers will appear in interesting costumes. Miss Thain's orchestra will furnish the music, which will include a number of the newest dance numbers. The catering is also in capable hands, and all arrangements promise an enjoyable evening for the guests, who can secure tickets at the door. No invitations have been issued. Everyone is welcome. Dancing will commence at 9 o'clock.

Connaught Seamen's Institute.—The following are some interesting figures in connection with the Connaught Seamen's Institute for January: Number of seamen signing visitors' book, 31; visits by seamen to institute, 403; free meals, 187; free beds, 113; situations obtained, 4; seamen in home, 6; seamen relieved, 13; seamen clothed, 11; port missionaries' visits to ships, 3; to hospitals, 9; to sick sailors, 17; to sailors' homes, 15; services held in institute, 5; in Old Men's home, 5; in W. C. T. U., 2; letters received, 10; letters written, 8. The following ladies and gentlemen helped with donations: Mrs. Thomson, beef; Anonymous, beef; Anonymous, pork; Mrs. Murray Thane, bread; Mrs. N. Lee, sack of potatoes; Mrs. J. B. Byrom, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Holmes, clothing; Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, Mrs. Sayer, Mrs. Hiscock, bed linen; Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. N. Lee, Mrs. Spencer, books for library; Chief Inspector Langley, Mrs. Gilbert Cook, Mrs. Blakemore, Mrs. J. D. Case, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Napier Hibben, Miss Smellie and Miss McMillan, maps, etc.

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MANY AT CONCERT

Alexandra Hall Crowded With Pleased Audience for Ladies' Musical Club Entertainment.

The big audience which attended the concert given last evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Musical club was given full measure of enjoyment, the programme, entirely of music by French composers, being replete with interest. A fitting opening was the singing of the Marseillaise (in French) by a quartette of male voices, while two small girls, Catherine Fordham and Yolande Langworthy, stood with unfurled Tricolor and Union Jack until the conclusion of the martial and stirring chorus. Messrs. J. G. Brown, R. B. Powell, H. J. Davis, and R. Macaulay sang together most pleasingly, and were heartily applauded at the close of the number.

Several artists well known to local audiences and popular with concert-goers appeared in the course of the programme. Mrs. Macdonald Fahey, whose frequent appearances here seem in no way to lessen appreciation for her brilliant voice, sang with fine dramatic expression and understanding a Chaminade song, a "D'Amour" ballad, and one of the more familiar arias from "Charpentier's 'Louise.' An encore was called for after both her appearances, the singer responding very graciously. Another popular vocalist was H. J. Davis, who, while thoroughly artistic in his rendering of Hue's "J'ai Pleure en Evee" and a Debussy melody, was in more familiar and pleasing vein in the little encore which he gave to the last number. Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir also delighted her hearers with a Debussy number, "Romance," being quite in the style of the French composer, and very well suited to her sweet voice. Duparc's "Florentine Serenade" was sung with rare sweetness and delicacy by the same vocalist, who later in the programme gave Faure's "Après un Reve." The reappearance at these concerts of Lawrence Earle deserves special mention, and his audience of last evening will retain pleasing memories of Lully's "Bois Equis" and Pessard's "Adieu de Matin," the last number being repeated in response to insistent demands for an encore.

The instrumentalists were Miss Irene Long, who played four numbers on the piano in her most finished manner, the best being perhaps the Arabesque No. 3, by Debussy, and Chaminade's Prelude No. 3; and Miss Violet Mesher, who played two Saint-Saens' numbers. Quite a novelty, which proved very popular with the audience, was the recitation musicale by Madame Sanderson, who, with a gift for expressive gesture and tonal inflection in her speaking voice, made of "Le Vent" a charmingly descriptive poem. Even more delightful was her effort "Le Clarion," by Paul Deroude, a poet, by the way, who was at one time president of the Patriotic League of France, which was so notoriously hostile to Germany. H. G. E. Pocock executed the accompaniment for the recitation in a very artistic manner. Mrs. Conyers Bridgewater being also very sympathetic in her role as accompanist for the singers during the evening.

HAD ENJOYABLE EVENING

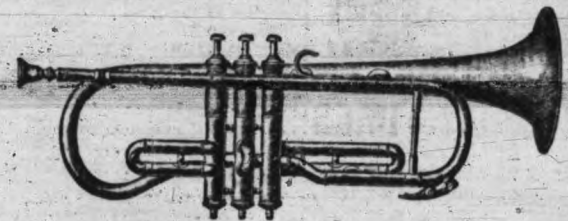
Over 300 Unemployed Entertained to Supper and Concert by Committee.

Upwards of 300 of the unemployed of the city spent a memorable evening yesterday at the Progressive Thought Temple where a concert and supper, arranged by the Victoria Unemployed Committee, were greatly enjoyed. The entertainment was presided over by Harry Willie, and songs and readings were given by the following: Miss Lilly Dooley, Mrs. S. Munday and Messrs. T. Doley, D. M. Davis, William Hugh, William Boyd and R. Alden.

The necessity of co-operation among the unemployed was emphasized by William Hugh, while inaction on the

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part of the city in dealing with the question was complained of by Matthew Allen.

Spencer Howland, on behalf of the committee proposed a vote of thanks to all friends who had assisted, to D. Butler for the use of the hall, and to Ald. Okell and D. W. Hanbury for contributions of bread.

Proceedings were terminated with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Wiper's Two Days' Special.—For two days only we are making a special of K. Mixture, 20c per lb., usual price, 30c; 14 gold and silver medals awarded in England while in competition with the leading firms. The People's Confectioners, Wiper & Co., 1210 Douglas St.

Civic Streets Committee.—A light order paper faced the meeting of the streets committee of the city council this afternoon. A committee had arranged to report upon the future of the Rock Bay bridge, and the aldermen had also before them a report from the public works department on the question of the swing span. The

condition of Mount Tolmie avenue, part of which is in the city was also a subject of discussion.

Don't Buy Glasses.—Buy the ability and skill that detects eye defects, and knows how to make glasses to correct the trouble. Frank Clugston, Optician. Upstairs at 554 Yates St. (corner Douglas). Phone 5351.

Building Permits.—Building permits have been granted to S. C. Wright for a garage at 140 Wellington street, and to M. Strutt for additions to a dwelling at Burton street.

Outbreak of Fire.—Fire in hot ashes at the block at the corner of Fort and Broad street, owned by B. C. Lands and Investment Company, and occupied by the Western Lands Co., the Realty firm of Day and Boggs, and Dr. H. Robertson, called the fire department out last evening. Chemicals were used, and the outbreak quickly extinguished. The loss was \$200 on building, and about the same on the contents.

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Coffee, fresh ground, 3 lbs.	\$1.00	Reckitt's Robin Starch, per pkt.	10c
Tea, Nabob, regular 50c lb., 3 lbs.	\$1.19	Old Brown Windsor Soap, per dozen	29c
Rolls Oats, Robin Hood, large drums, each	25c	Matchless, Eddy's Victoria, large drums, each	14c
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J. C. Leamen, of Nanaimo, is at the Dominion hotel.

Miss A. Lloyd, of Seattle, is at the Dominion hotel.

C. P. Sargent, of San Francisco, has arrived in the city.

C. R. Dippl, of Vancouver, is staying at the Empress hotel.

W. P. Rees, of Seattle, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

Victor J. Tompkins, of Prince Rupert, is at the Dominion hotel.

John H. Engle, of Vancouver, is staying at the Dominion hotel.

J. Elmers and wife, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion hotel.

D. L. Stevens, of Portland, is registered at the Empress hotel.

J. Matthews, of Vancouver, is registered at the Dominion hotel.

A. Mott is registered at the King Edward hotel from Vancouver.

R. H. Hunter, of Vancouver, is registered at the Strathcona hotel.

H. Blackwood is registered at the Strathcona hotel from Duncan.

Howard W. Du Bois, of Philadelphia, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

W. L. Dase is registered at the King Edward hotel from Vancouver.

W. L. Foley, of Vancouver, is a guest at the King Edward hotel.

J. T. Armstrong, of Prince George, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Drake, of Hillier, are guests at the Strathcona hotel.

W. R. Gibson is registered at the King Edward hotel from Ladysmith.

Mrs. H. L. Rasmussen is registered at the Strathcona hotel from Cobble Hill.

Miss E. Booth, of Portland, is in the city. She is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

J. Burdick, of Shawinigan, and E. Fisher, of Nanaimo, are at the Dominion hotel.

C. L. Pearson and Mrs. Pearson, of New Westminster, are guests at the Dominion.

A. C. Sutton, of North Vancouver, is among those registered at the Strathcona hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mott are in the city from Spokane, guests at the Empress hotel.

Mayor J. E. Lacey, of Salmon Arm, is in the city on business with the government.

J. M. Patermann, of Montreal, is staying at the Empress hotel, arriving this morning.

B. P. Pellenz, of Winnipeg, is a new arrival at the Empress hotel, arriving this morning.

A. Livingston, of Moose Jaw, is in the city. He is staying at the King Edward hotel.

P. J. Hollis is in the city from Courtney, B. C. He is registered at the King Edward hotel.

Robert Lowe is in the city from Whitehorse, Y. T., registered at the Empress hotel.

F. W. Hartley has arrived in the city from Vancouver and is registered at the Empress hotel.

San Francisco-Barometer, 30.32; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 28; wind, 10 miles S. W.; rain, .23; weather, rain.

Portland, Ore.-Barometer, 30.10; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S.; rain, .45; weather, rain.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 5-5 a. m.—The barometer remains abnormally low over this province, and unsettled, mild weather is general. Easterly and southerly gales prevailed on the coast, Straits and Sound last night, and rain has been general southward to Oregon. The weather is turning colder in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity: Moderate to fresh southerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy and mild, with showers.

Lower Mainland: Winds mostly easterly and southerly, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria-Barometer, 30.01; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 28; wind, 16 miles W.; rain, .40; weather, rain.

Vancouver-Barometer, 30.06; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, .38; weather, rain.

Kamloops-Barometer, 30.06; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville-Barometer, 29.80; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 26; wind, 20 miles S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert-Barometer, 30.38; temperature, maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 26; wind, 5 miles E.; rain, .22; weather, cloudy.

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RAYMUR TESTIFIES ON FINANCIAL MATTERS

Surveyor is Called to Show There Had Been but Little Delay in Giving Stakes

James L. Raymur who at the time the Sooke lake water project was begun was water commissioner for the city was called yesterday afternoon by the surveyor in the damage action brought against the city by the Westholme company. He recited the financial arrangements that had been made for the purpose of carrying out the project, and told of the recommendation of the consulting engineer having been accepted by the city council, also of the serving of expropriation notices and the making of arrangements with the E. & N. Railway company for the acquisition of certain lands the railway owned. He had kept informed of what surveying was going on and had carried out the necessary advertising. The plans of the work were kept at the water commissioner's office and with specifications could be had on deposit of \$50. The Westholme company got their plans in that way November 27, 1911. When the time for closing the tender box came, Mr. Raymur took the box to the mayor, who opened it. The tenders were opened and referred to the engineers for examination. They recommended the Westholme company, and on December 13 the council approved the recommendation. Upon receipt of the first quarterly report, dated April 16, 1912, he had taken it to the mayor and solicitor. There had, he said, been a delay in the first place in regard to the contractors putting up a bond. This they could not do, and a holdback had been arranged of 25 per cent, which was to accumulate until the amount provided in the bond had been covered. In December, 1912, the company was able to obtain a bond and the holdback then was paid to the company and the Bank of Montreal.

On April 26, 1912, the council received a complaint from the company that they had been put off the work. The company had been allowed to proceed. Work went along through July when there was another report, and the company made peace with the bank, and on August 6 they were given more time. The city then advanced \$84,324 to pay for the plate which had arrived for the company through Evans, Coleman & Evans.

Referring to the civil finances arranged to carry out the work the witness said \$1,500,000 had been authorized, and the same amount in the summer of 1913. Of the latter amount about one hundred and fifty thousand pounds sterling was not yet sold, but the city had a credit at the bank of \$350,000, secured by the unsold bonds of this issue.

There had been one or two delays in meeting the payments due to the company. It had been hoped that the amount raised by the sale of seventy-five thousand pounds sterling of treasury stock would have carried the work along, but the payment made on account of the pipe had used up the money and there was not enough left to meet prompt payments.

For the purpose of disproving the assertion made by the Westholme company that the engineers employed by the city of Victoria had delayed giving the company the stakes on the pipe line from Sooke lake to Humpback which had been alleged by several witnesses for the plaintiffs to be the case, the defence yesterday afternoon called a surveyor named Russell T. Hackett, who had staked out the cross sections of the line. This witness said the most delay there ever had been amounted to three days.

His work at Sooke lake, he said, began April 7, 1912. There was a full party there and the work entrusted to them was around the lake and covered five miles of the flow line. He was there until the end of 1912. He gave more than half the stakes around the lake, commencing on April 15. Some had been given for clearing before that. Three days had been the utmost delay, and was caused by the amount of work the engineering party had to do. The cross section of the flow line was begun April 13, and could have been finished early in May, but McClure, the company's engineer at this point of the work, did not want it. They had finished another section by July 1.

KITCHENER'S ARMY

"MAC."

The tocsin was sounding in hamlet and town. While war news was flooding the country around. The Germans were forging their way to the coast. And we wanted fellows to stop them—a host. We got them—the farmer, the knight and the peer. The millhand, the navy, the marine engineer. They came in their thousands (more power to their arm). To succor old England, and shield her from harm.

With a rat-a-tat-tat, and a roll of the drum. Who'll fight for old England, who'll shoulder the gun? 'Tis your king who is calling you, sons of the free, To fight for your liberty, over the sea.

A knight of the pickaxe was digging a trench. 'Twas in the city, not far from Pall Mall. When he got the message and answered the call. He thought he could dig for the king just as well. With a gun by his side, though the digging was hell; So he on with his coat and passed in his "check." And straight for the orderly's office made tracks.

With a rat-a-tat-tat, and a roll of the drum. I can't stick it here when old England says "Come!" So he slung off his moleskins and donned the khaki. And followed the Kitcheners over the sea.

A clerk in an office perched up on a stool. Had made it a steadfast, inflexible rule. To never bear arms be the cause what it may. Till he chanced on a Kitcheners' poster one day. He never had thought that the "makings" was there. Of a man that could trench life and suffering bear. But he answered the "call" when he knew of the need. And gave of his manhood for England to bleed.

With a rat-a-tat-tat, and a roll of the drum. He "cut out" the ledger and shouldered the gun. His immaculate "civvies" gave place to khaki. When he followed the Kitcheners over the sea.

The "Johnny" who "swanked" round the town with his pale. And nightly embellished Palladium stalls. Lined up at the "Doc" with the casual tramp. Who might as well be at the Embankment camp. All difference was swamped and all social degree. Was banished from sight when these sons of the free Had made up their minds to share in the fight. And struggle for Freedom, for Flag and for Right.

With a rat-a-tat-tat, and a roll of the drum. They come in their hundreds of thousands—then some. Changed their swallow-tail suits and their rags to khaki. And followed the Kitcheners over the sea.

The lawyer, the doctor, the knight of the plane. They threw in their lot with the sons of the main. The B. A., the D. S., the rector, the parson. Rubbed sleeves in the ranks with the fellows that brew. Though with callings diverse, their great object was one. And their only ambition to shoulder a gun. Their life for the empire, their blood for her king. To England, their England, the victory to bring.

With a rat-a-tat-tat, and a roll of the drum. From parsonage, college and workshop they come. Gave the casock, the apron and gown for khaki. And followed the Kitcheners over the sea.

COUNSEL ARRIVES FOR COMMISSION

F. J. Curran in City To-day; Mr. Justice Audette Expected To-morrow

Arriving for the reopening of the Pelagic Sealing Commission, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Curran, of Montreal, registered at the Empress hotel this morning.

Mr. Curran is counsel for the Dominion in the inquiry, and he states that Mr. Justice Audette, the commissioner, is expected to arrive to-morrow for the sessions, which begin on Monday next.

It will not be a long session on this occasion, he says, for the commissioner anticipates taking some exchequer cases in Vancouver next month. The winding up of the business is anticipated to take two weeks more. Mr. Curran is glad to be back in Victoria after an interval, and this morning renewed acquaintances with many friends.

The commission left here at its last adjournment with the bulk of the evidence of claims already in, and how there is some supplementary work to complete the commissioner's inquiry. All persons who have not yet put in testimony of loss through the abandonment of the industry are now given the last opportunity to put in claims. Some white hunters and a few Indians have yet to be heard. The largest

claim, that of the Victoria Sealing company, has already been before the court at considerable length.

Claimants under the international agreement are now looking forward to an early report to the government from the commissioner, and are hoping that in some measure their losses through the cessation of an industry which had so large a part in the life of Victoria and Vancouver island twenty years ago may be compensated. Few official inquiries have produced such a wealth of information about so romantic an industry as that of sealing, and the extent to which the West Coast Indians depended on the trips to the northern seas for a livelihood has been fully told to the commissioner.

STRICT PARTY NOMINEES

Government Rejects Recommendations of Saanich Council in Selecting Commissioners.

The government has appointed Councillor Jones and F. G. Quick as license commissioners for Saanich, and Councillor Jones and Joseph Nicholson as police commissioners.

In making the appointment strict party men have been selected in preference to those recommended by the council, who had written recommending Councillor Tanner, who is a Liberal, and ex-Councillor Sherwood, a Conservative, as license commissioners, and Councillors Somers, with either Andrew Strachan or K. Streetfield, local magistrates, as police commissioners.

A Good Stayer.—Sergeant (in the trenches)—"I've been a week now, and here the best part of a week now, and we're up to the dirty tricks of these German beggars, and if they pit new yins in here they'll just make a rare mess of it!"—Punch.

Stencilled Matting Squares

A rare opportunity to buy a large size mat at such a small price. Only a few dozen, and they will be in good demand. All good colors. Size 36x54. Feb. Sale price, each,.....25¢

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Saturday Specials at the Popular Store

Extraordinary Sale of Modart Front-Laced Corsets

This lot consists of a few lines that we have decided to discontinue. They are all smart, up-to-date, first-class models. Regular prices to \$13.75. Special price \$3.90

Natural Chamois and Grey Suede Gloves for Ladies are Reduced in Price

Natural Chamois, in sizes 5½, 5¾ and 6. Grey Suede Gloves in sizes 5½ to 7. -Week-end Special, per pair 75¢

Week-End Sale of Messaline Silk

Colors are green, mahogany, orange, yellow, champagne, wisteria, purple, claret, midnight blue, royal, sky, pink, corn, brown and tan. Sells regularly at \$1.50 yard. Special, yard 85¢

Three Special Values in Ladies' Coats For Saturday

Once more we have cut the prices of these Smart Coats in order to effect a quick sale. Better Bargains than these cannot be had anywhere. There are three prices, \$4.75, \$6.75 and \$10.00

Further Reductions in Cloth Dresses

Regular Price \$17.50—Week-End Special \$6.75

They are all made from a good quality of serge, in distinctive styles. Some are made with the plain tunic, while others are made with the new flare effect. Trimmings are varied and include shadow lace, fancy buttons and trimmings of black taffeta silk.

A Week-End Sale of Skirts

Regular Values to \$2.50
Week-End Special \$3.65

Among these extraordinary values are Skirts of serge, gaberdine, grey mixture, wool brocade and waffle cloth. The style in each case is very neat and smart. Colors are navy, black, grey, brown, putty and black and red check.

Many Special Values in House Furnishings Saturday

Saturday Bargains From the Housefurnishings Dept.

Stencilled Washable Rag Rugs, each \$1.75
Swiss Net, Volle, Marquette and Net Curtains, \$4.85, \$5.50 to \$6.50 values, per pair \$3.75
Reg. 20c Woven Straw Matting, 36 inches, Yard 12½¢
Brass Sash Curtain Rods, each 54 inches, each 10¢
Brass Extension Curtain Rods, 72 inches, Each 15¢
25 Cushions, made from Chintz, sateen and cretonne, complete with good form. Reg. \$1.25 to \$1.50. Sale, each \$1.00

Bordered Lace, Bungalow Net, Hemstitched Scrim

Only about 500 yards of these new and popular styles; choose from bordered lace in white cream and ecru, bungalow net in ivory and arab shade, 4½ inches wide, and hemstitched scrim in ecru shade only. Regular 25c, 29c and 35c values, Friday, yard 19¢

Reg. 35c, 39c to 50c Net, Scrim and Madras. Sale 25¢
48-inch Heavy Bungalow Nets, yard 33¢
Art Sateen and Cretonne. Reg. 15c and 19c values, yard 12½¢
Chintz Sateen and Cretonne. Special 19¢
Repp Chintz and Cretonne. Special 29¢

Dainty Chintz and English Cretonnes

Fine French Sateen and Dimity, all new and popular patterns; very suitable for bedrooms. Regular 35c, 39c to 50c values. February Sale, yard 29¢

February Sale of Dark Green Window Shades

Size 1.0x4.0; good dark opaque Shades with reliable spring rollers. Complete with pulls, tacks and brackets. Feb. Sale price, each 40¢

Specials From the Bargain Basement

Fine Satin Underskirts in all wanted colors. Sale price \$1.35 price, pair 25¢
Turkish and Huck Towels. Sale price, pair 15¢
Japanese Crepes f. kimono. Sale price, yard 15¢
Lingerie Waists, in many pretty styles. Regular \$1.00. Sale price 50¢

Special Values in Scotch Plaid Dress Material

Several popular Tartans to choose from at this special price. On sale in the Bargain basement. Price, per yard 50¢

Saturday Sale of Shoes

A Special Line of Regular \$5.00 Shoes. To-day's price, per pair, only \$3.55
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A Special Line of Regular \$7.00 and \$7.50 Shoes. To-day's price, per pair \$5.35
Child's Leggings. Regular \$1.25. To-day's price, pair 25¢

Rag Rugs With Cretonne Borders

One of our newest styles with a handsome cretonne effect all round, a plain centre and floral border in shades of blue, pink, green and pink, green and yellow. Feb. Sale price, each, only \$2.00
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Size 46x76. Sale price .. \$5.50
Size 8.0x10.0. Sale price .. \$12.50
Size 8.0x10.0. Sale price .. \$15.00

MOHAMMEDANS ARE LOYAL TO BRITAIN

Sir Reginald Wingate Received Expressions of Devotion From Leaders

The loyalty of the Mohammedans of the Sudan is the subject of a notable dispatch by Sir Reginald Wingate, which has been published by the foreign office.

It is addressed from Khartoum, and is dated Nov. 13. The governor-general states:

"I have the honor to report that the announcement of the outbreak of hostilities between Great Britain and

Turkey has been the occasion of a remarkable outburst of loyalty to Great Britain on the part of the Moslem inhabitants of the Sudan.

"This is the more satisfactory, as, although the natives of this country have had bitter experience of the evils of a Turkish administration, the person of the Sultan, as the Khalifa and principle representative of Islam, is held in the greatest veneration, and the participation of the Turkish empire in the present war is, in consequence, a subject of deep regret to a considerable portion of the population.

"Notwithstanding these considerations, spontaneous and sincere expressions of loyalty and devotion to the British government have been received from the representative notables of every province and district; and amongst the signatories, over 100 in number, of special messages which I have received to date, the names of all the important chiefs, secular and religious throughout the country are included.

"I attach, as typical of the general sentiments, and deserving of special mention, translations of the declarations sent to me by El Sayed Ali El Morghani, C. M. G., and by Sayed Ahmed, his brother, the heads of the powerful and widely established Morghani sect; by Sherif Yusef El Hindi, a prominent member of the local Asraf or descendants of the prophet; and by the Grand Mufti and the Board of Ulama, the officials representatives of Mohammedan Law and Learning.

"These declarations by influential leaders of Mohammedan opinion afford striking testimony to the appreciation by the natives of this country of the benefits of British rule, of which they now have had some fifteen years' experience."

Islam's True Friend.
Telegram to the governor-general from El Sayed Ali El Morghani, C. M. G.

"We regret exceedingly and our hearts are filled with grief at Turkey's action in participating in a war against Great Britain.

"This act is assuredly against the desires of the Sultan and his wise counselors, and has given great offence to the Moslems in all four quarters of the globe.

"It is beyond dispute that the entire

Mohammedan world disapproves of this act and is greatly angered with the aggressive German empire, which is the author of all these mishaps, and at the Turkish clique which follows its advance.

"We beg hereby to declare our most sincere and loyal attachment on behalf of ourselves and the Sudan population, to Great Britain, that just government whose great respect for our religion and interest in our welfare is proved by the progress which has been made in our country through justice and civilization.

"The justice of Britain embraces ninety millions of our Mohammedan brethren all over the world; Britain is the true and close friend of all Mohammedans."

The "Just Government."
Telegram to the governor-general of the Sudan from El Sayed Ahmed El Morghani:

"We are greatly displeased at the bad news that Turkey is participating in this terrible war, when the ought to have remained on friendly terms with Great Britain, which power has rendered invaluable services on several occasions."

"We dissociate ourselves from this action as she has exceeded all limits and committed a crime at the instigation of the Germans, which is contrary to the interests of the Moslems and of Islam."

"From the depths of our hearts and sentiments, then, we proclaim our loyalty and adhesion to our beloved British government in all events."

"The British government is the just government that has rescued the inhabitants of the Sudan from the trials and misrule of former years. We, under the shelter of her representatives, are enjoying peace, prosperity and absolute tranquility, and Britain spares no pains to improve our lot and advance the interests of our religion by adherence to the laws of the Mohammedan jurisdiction."

"It is our fervent wish that victory may always accompany her standards and justice flourish in her dominions."

"Finally we submit our assurances to our beloved Governor-General that we, young and old, rich and poor, learned and ignorant, will spare no pains to save our beloved British government."

Against Turkey and the Germans.
Letter to the Governor-General of

the Sudan from El Sherif Yusef Wad El Hindi:

"I, the undersigned, Sherif Yusef El Hindi, on behalf of myself and my family and tribe, descended from the old Arab tribes of Kureish and Hashem, and others in the Sudan whose opinion I represent, beg to offer an expression of our most sincere loyalty, both to your just government and to your beloved person."

"We are, Excellency, witnesses before God and men of the brilliant achievements of the British government in the Sudan; of the establishment of tranquility, justice and progress; of the facilities rendered to the Pilgrimage to the Holy Places; of the great support to education, and of the respect and honor shown to our Ulama and religious chiefs."

"We are witnesses that the 16 years passed under your rule are unparalleled in the history of the Sudan. Under your flag, which protects many millions of other Mohammedans, we are enjoying full liberty in the exercise of our religious duties, as well as our daily work—in the same way as all the other millions of Mohammedans under your rule."

"Excellency, during the present time, we beg to offer ourselves and all we possess, for the fight side by side with you against Turkey and the Germans."

A school teacher, having explained the meaning of the word "paraphrase," asked the class to paraphrase Shelley's "Ode to a Skylark." With much feeling he declaimed the first line, "Hail thee, blithe spirit! Bird thou never wert!" There was a scratching of pens, and one little fellow ceased with the air of having accomplished something good. "Well, Harry, what have you put?" asked the teacher. In a shrill voice Harry read out, "What are yer, skylark, yer never was a bird!"

GETTING READY FOR THE BATTLE-FRONT



Canadians practicing trench digging on Salisbury Plain in preparation for the time when they are called to the firing line.

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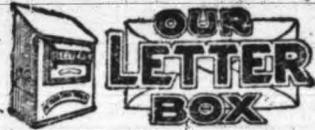
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WOMAN'S PART.

To the Editor:—On reading the letter of "A Workingman's Wife" in your paper, I am glad to see that there are such women of stamina in this city, apparently it is high-time that the female inhabitants come out and fight the industrial battles of their husbands and brothers. One has only to mingle with the crowds of unemployed men at either of the free employment bureaus to notice to what depths of helplessness and sheep-like degradation the unemployed workmen have sunk. Turned away day after day with that stereotyped reply "Nothing doing" in answer to their anxious enquiry for work; to carry home the same bad news to wives and sisters, who, with eager, strained faces, await their return; who knowing that if an affirmative reply is given means that that ever hungry wolf is staved off for a short period. No wonder the wives voice their opinions when they see to what a phlegmatic state their so-called protectors and patriarchy-filers have sunk, and then to turn their faces to the street and see one of the new 1915 touring cars dash by controlled by one of their own sex and these families left Europe to escape the acute industrial conditions there, because they heard that this was a free country. The very irony of it all. If the early pioneers who braved the fury of the elements to bring settlers to this island could see these things as they exist to-day in this city they would turn in their graves; any man, whether he be surgeon or laborer, can only use his mental or physical forces to right, his living, and both have taken away all the worst nature of that man is going to come out or else all of his vitality is going out of him altogether, and only a mentally lifeless body is left. Thank God, one of the sexes has the moral courage to fight this senseless reduction of wages and I only hope that the rest of her sex will come out and cordially support her. As a poet says, "Do noble things, not dream them all day long."

H. KINGDOM.
495 Helmcken St., City.

JITNEY BUSES.

To the Editor:—As a member of this community since the jitneys commenced their depredations, may I beg a few lines of space to put before

your readers another aspect of the above subject which was dealt with in a contemporary on Sunday last. On arrival in Victoria this fall I was intensely interested to see jitneys just commencing to ply for passengers. I had seen exactly the same condition of affairs in Malda Vale, London, in 1909-1905. It was the slow birth of that vast system of motor buses which, together with tubes, places London the first city in the world for rapid transportation.

My reason for being interested was because the fact that motor cars could obtain passengers from the street cars was a sign of evolution. The first sign that street cars have had their day and will soon be as obsolete as the old horse bus or the hansom cab. H. G. Wells (this war proves him to have been almost inspired) in his book "Utopia" lays down the dogma—that the public vehicle of the future will take passengers from door to door and not from merely street to street. The street car runs on a track that cannot be changed. Neighborhoods deteriorate or improve, yet the car line must run even if the business resulting is unprofitable. With the motor bus a route can be changed to suit conditions in a day and, most important to a busy man, it will take up or set down at any required spot.

The contemporary in its leader utterly fails to support its argument as to unemployment. The jitney drivers carry at most five or six persons. The street car can carry, I suppose, 100, employing two men to do so. Therefore, take one full street car off a route and you give employment to a potential 25 happy-jitney drivers. You feed 25 families, and every blessed cent remains in this city.

Was it not our same contemporary that has so rightly and earnestly requested the people to buy in Victoria? If the public are going to obey this mandate, how better can they begin than by traveling jitney all and every day? The jitneys are a god-send to our many garages, and don't forget that the money remains here and buys food and gives employment to others ad infinitum. But if the street car wants to create a surplus for a dividend, that money will, as is admitted by the contemporary, go to cheer up the British investor. A certain amount of every five-cent piece will leave the city.

I am not seeking to evade the larger issue of the threatened departure of the car system from our real estate. It is hard to believe that anything is indispensable. Were the cars to stop running to-morrow motor buses would rapidly take their place with a consequential beautifying effect on our streets, and ever so much less noise. As regards the British sharehold-ers, who we presume are widows and orphans (they usually are in non-dividend paying concerns) there is plenty of scope for car lines to rural points. There is the whole main land of British Columbia, with its Fraser, Okanagan, and Kootenay valleys simply crying out for cheap transport to develop.

really cannot see why anyone holding real estate should be so scared as to never travel by jitney again because the B. C. Electric might some day refuse to carry him to his "desirable residence." This, however, is what the newspaper in question threatens if we do not at once make the jitney "taboo."

J. M. F.

SCHOOL OF HANDICRAFT.

To the Editor:—My attention has just been called to a doleful letter which appeared in your paper lately under the above heading, in which the writer, Mr. C. G. Brown, wood-carver, expressed himself as against such an organization as the school of handicraft being taken over by the school board at public expense.

In the first place the classes of the school of handicraft cause no expense to the ratepayers, the fees, combined with grants from government, making such a thing possible.

I can fully sympathize, however, with Mr. Brown in the present depression, but he should cheer up, for the coming generations are going to have a truer appreciation of good work than those of the past. The school board, about whose action he feels so agitated, is going to be responsible for training people with a wider view of life, one which will include many things to which the older generation was blind. They are busy creating the atmosphere in which Mr. Brown and his confreres will be able to work, grow and develop.

One need not go far to see evidence of the necessity for doing something to improve the artistic taste of those producers who live and work in our midst.

At the beginning of the war an idea was spread abroad that we might capture some of the trade in toys and articles for which we have been dependent on Germany. In most cases the results were pathetic. The productions were clumsy in proportion, crude in construction, and showing an absolute want of taste in making something at once effective and attractive.

The result must have impressed the school trustees with the necessity of persisting in the work which they have so wisely begun with the children in the day schools, viz., to train the hand to be dexterous and the eye to appreciate good form and color. Quite recently in Nanaimo I was admiring some excellently modelled architectural details, and was astonished to find that they were made in Victoria, by the B. C. Pottery Company. On returning I called up that fine and workmanlike, keeping only to the commoner material bricks, pipes, chimney pots, etc. In short, they had begun the high class work rather too early. Since then many excellent buildings with terra-cotta fronts have been erected in British Columbia, but all of the material has been brought from the States and from London, England. Is it too much to expect that some day soon we shall have such a call for this durable ma-

terial, that it will be worth while to manufacture what we require from the clay of British Columbia?

The appreciation of terra-cotta has increased in the last few years, and when the time comes to manufacture I hope we will have the skilled hands to undertake the work. All young men engaged in stone-cutting and plastering should investigate the classes in modelling and design held in the high school and take advantage of the tuition given there.

In Vancouver to-day a firm of metal pipe manufacturers are busy making experiments in the construction of school desks. Why should thousands of dollars be spent in the east on goods which can be made of British Columbian material, argues this firm of pipe moulders. If that firm can produce a casting, good in form, graceful as well as strong, smart-looking, and with the work as well finished as the work from the east, they will without doubt receive orders. If they make a better desk than the one made in the east they may even send desks there; but the first one manufactured lacked sadly the little master touches. It was clumsy, and one could see that the man with the trained eye was not behind it.

Utility alone is not enough in constructing objects. Human nature calls for more, and the productions must show good taste and judgment, or utter failure in marketing the goods will be the result.

Let the workmen of the west take advantage of the opportunities given to train themselves more completely for their daily work, and the effect will be far-reaching.

In organizing night schools the school trustees had also in mind the great number of people who require work for their leisure hours. They realize that a man's life is a million times more important than his work and that it is the duty of those who control the educational system to throw out opportunities to occupy the leisure time of the population in a profitable manner.

The trustees see the responsibilities that rest upon them of training, not only good and reliable workmen, but good citizens, and it is to their credit that they have boldly launched out in this work, the effects of which will reflect on the city of Victoria and be sure and lasting.

JOHN KYLE,

Organizer of Technical Education.

GIVE THEM A HEARTY SEND-OFF.

To the Editor:—Now it is definitely decided that the second contingent is to leave Victoria for the front let those that are proud of our soldiers give them a real rousing send-off, and help them forget the unpleasantness to which they have been subjected here by a minority of the citizens; also let those who merely look upon them as the means of bringing a certain amount of money into the city, and those who have regarded them as wild animals, forget the soldier and take a few lessons in learning the "hip, hip hurrah" for cheering our soldiers when marching through the city streets to meet the enemy on the battlefield.

Would it not be a graceful tribute from the business men who have benefited by the camp being located here to close their store for an hour, allowing their employees to take part in the send-off?

M. M.

AT THE MERCY OF THE TURK.

NINETY YEARS OF TURKISH MASSACRES.

1822.....	50,000 lives lost
1850.....	10,000 lives lost
1860.....	11,000 lives lost
1870.....	10,000 lives lost
1899-1902.....	30,000 lives lost

The horror of the Christian massacre that threatens Turkey closely touches the United States.

If the present disturbance in the land of the sultans develops into a massacre of Christians and the torture or death of American missionaries, Turkish history will be repeating itself.

It was ten years after the first American missionaries built an altar in Turkey that the Moslems began their destruction of the detested Christian invader. More than 50,000 lives were sacrificed to the religious hatred of the Turk. That was in 1822.

The number of American missionaries increased in the far east and their work prospered. But in 1850 "The Unspeaking Turk" rose again in his blind hatred for the cross, and women and children and the fields of Kurdistan with blood, 10,000 lives were lost in the "Nestorian massacre" of 1850.

Ten years later 11,000 lives were sacrificed to appease the blood-thirst of the Turk when the "Massacre of Lebanon" appalled the world with the atrocities, the tortures practiced by the followers of the Crescent.

In 1876 a massacre in Bulgaria in which 10,000 Bulgarian Christians were slaughtered like cattle gave civilization and Christianity a setback in the Orient from which it took many years to recover.

The horror of the "Armenian massacre" of 1894 in which 12,000 native Christians and several American missionaries were killed is fresh in the minds of Americans.

In 1909 the "Massacre of Adana" set Turkey ablaze from Constantinople to Adana with the flame of racial persecution and Mosley Turk continued the riot of arson, murder and torture against Christian Armenians until thousands of lives had been taken, and thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed.

The last blood-sacrifice demanded by the Turk from his Christian neighbor was when Albania, oldest of the nations—it was a nation five centuries before Christ was born—and Bulgaria

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were terrorized, whole families annihilated, schools destroyed, teachers, doctors, ministers, everyone capable of giving instruction to the native tortured, exiled from the country, or killed.

There are to-day 312 American missionaries, of whom 125 are women and girls, now in Turkey, threatened with destruction. Many of the American mission workers have lived in the east for years, some of them as students of the pioneer missionaries who carried the Stars and Stripes into Turkey in 1810.

Through the American Board of Missions millions of dollars have been expended in building churches, hospitals, Sunday schools, industrial schools and printing plants.

The American flag may protect the American missionaries from Turkish atrocities, but the thousands of native Christians educated in American method and living according to American ideas will surely be sacrificed if the facial and religious hatred of the Moslem vents itself on the Christian and the works of the Christian.

WHAT AN EX-GLASGOW WAITER CALLED.

Engaged with the Royal Engineers as a telegraphist, Mr. Andrew Todd, who was formerly at Lillilgong post office, says: "Our division had a bit of a dust-up last night, and, as usual, came off best—captured some trenches, some Maxim guns, and about 20 prisoners. I saw them come in last night, and so had my first look at German soldiers. The Devons led the attack, and distinguished themselves greatly. It was our first offensive move since we arrived this side of the water, as you may guess how great the excitement was, waiting on the result. The Germans on our front outnumber us by 2 to 1, and its long odds, seeing that they have ceased their mass formation, they have apparently realized at last that mass formation does not pay. I have one or two yards to tell you about the trenches that you may find rather interesting. Perhaps it will surprise you to learn that the soldiers in both lines of trenches have become very 'pally' with each other. The trenches are only 60 yards apart at one place, and, every morning about breakfast time one of the soldiers sticks a board up in the air. As soon as this board goes up all firing ceases, and men from either side draw their water and rations. All through the breakfast hour, and as long as this board is up, silence reigns supreme, but whenever the board comes down the first 'unlucky devil' who shows even so much as a hand is shot. A British soldier, however, among the line of British regiment men, our trenches, opposite them in the German lines is an ex-Glasgow waiter, who calls out for 'Slippery' every morning. 'Slippery' evidently knows this chap. The Germans very often join in the choruses of our popular songs. At another place the German signal back with a spade the result of our firing. That is, when one of our fellows fires, the word 'hit' or 'miss' is signalled back. Grim sort of sport, isn't it?"

If the whole 30,000,000 square miles capable of supporting dense population were as well peopled as Belgium (before the war) the earth would have about 30,000,000,000 inhabitants.

--An Impressive Fact

A "Different" kind of sale than usual will be the feature of this week's selling at Victoria's Household Centre.

The Keynote of This Advertisement is Economy—How to Make a Little Money Go a Very Long Way

Read through this advertisement carefully and note the wonderful bargains that are to be bought here. No other store in this city can compete with our prices—they are in a class by themselves.

Saturday Special—Enamelled Saucepans 10c

In Connection With This Sale We Are Giving

THREE BIG PRIZES

On display in our window you will see three handsome prizes which will be awarded at the close of this sale. Every purchaser gets a ticket. Every one has a chance at these useful and valuable gifts. See them and you will appreciate their worth.

Thousands of Different Things to Choose From, All Marked Down to Fit Your Purse

DINNER SETS—97 Pieces
China Regular price \$30.00. Sale price only \$18.00
Semi-porcelain; stock; wreath pattern. Reg. price \$17.50. Sale price \$10.50
Semi-porcelain; stock; white and gold pattern. Reg. price \$17.50. Sale price \$10.50
Semi-porcelain; stock; blue band. Reg. price \$20.00. Sale price \$12.00
Flowered pattern. Reg. price \$11.50. Sale price \$7.00

PLAIN CUPS AND SAUCERS
Reg. \$1.00 per doz. Sale price 70c

GALVANIZED TUBS
Reg. \$1.00. Sale price 80c
Reg. price \$1.25. Sale price 90c
Reg. price \$1.50. Sale price \$1.10

WASH BOILERS
No. 8 size, all copper. Reg. \$5.50. Sale price only \$4.00
No. 8 size, with copper bottom. Reg. \$5.00. Sale price \$1.50

CLOTHES BASKETS
Reg. \$2.00. Sale price \$1.25

GALVANIZED PAILS
Reg. 50c. Sale price 35c
Reg. 90c. Sale price 60c

COAL HEATERS 25% OFF

CHAMBER SETS—9 Pieces
Reg. price \$2.50. Sale price \$1.25
Reg. price \$4.00. Sale price \$2.75

CARVING SETS 25% OFF

COOK STOVES
Wood, No. 7. Reg. price \$10.50. Sale price only \$8.50
Coal and wood, No. 8. Reg. price \$15.00. Sale price \$11.00
Coal and wood, No. 8; large oven. Reg. price \$22.00. Sale price \$16.50
Coal and wood, No. 9; steel ranges, with warming closet and with water front. Reg. \$30.00. Sale price \$20.00
Other Articles Too Numerous to Mention. Specially Low Prices on Furnaces Installed This Month.

BRASS FENDERS
Reg. price \$2.50. Sale price \$1.60
Reg. price \$5.50. Sale price \$4.00
Reg. price \$9.00. Sale price \$6.00

ALUMINUM TEA KETTLES
Reg. price \$3.50. Sale price \$2.75
Reg. price \$3.00. Sale price \$2.10
Reg. price \$4.50. Sale price \$3.25

COAL HODS
Reg. price 50c. Sale price 35c
Reg. price 60c. Sale price 40c

NICKEL-PLATED KETTLES
Reg. price \$2.00. Sale price \$1.50
Reg. price \$2.25. Sale price \$1.65

SPARKGUARDS
Brass. Reg. \$4.50. Sale price \$2.75
Brass. Reg. \$5.00. Sale price \$3.00

DAINTY PATTERN CAKE MOULDS
4-in. set. Reg. 25c. Sale price 15c

POTATO CHIP CUTTERS AND SLICERS
Reg. 35c. Sale price 25c

COVERED PUDDING MOULDS
3-in. nest. Reg. 60c. Sale price 40c

BRASS CRUMB TRAY AND SCOOP
Reg. \$1.00. Sale price 70c

BRASS CANDLESTICKS
Reg. \$1.50 pair. Sale price, pair 90c

ROTARY GRATERS (For Bread Crumbs)
Reg. \$1.00. Sale price 60c

COPPER KETTLES WITH ALCOHOL HEATERS
Reg. \$1.50. Sale price \$1.00

ROLLING PINS (Boxwood)
Reg. 25c. Sale price 15c

KNIFE AND FORK TRAYS
Reg. 60c. Sale price 40c

BROWN DAISY SANITARY DUST CLOTHS
Reg. 35c. Sale price 20c

NEST EGGS
Reg. 35c doz. Sale price, doz. 25c

BUCK SAWS (Fitted With Swedish Steel Blades)
Reg. \$1.00. Sale price 70c

WRINGERS (Strong Iron Frames)
Reg. \$6.50. Sale price \$5.00

WASHBOARDS (Pony)
Reg. 15c. Sale price 10c

FRUIT BOWLS AND 6 NAPPIES
Reg. 50c. Sale price 35c

WATER GLASSES
Reg. 75c doz. Sale price, 3 for 10c

EGG CUPS
Plain white, reg. 30c doz. Dozen 20c
Gold Band, reg. 40c doz. Dozen 30c

CLOTHES RACKS
Reg. \$1.25. Sale price 90c

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SPORTING NEWS

ELEVEN WEEKS BASEBALL FOR LOCALS

SCHEDULE TO BE ADOPTED TO-DAY

President Kingham Secures Full Allotment of Games for Victoria; Lynch a Possible Umpire

Seattle, Feb. 5.—At an early hour this morning the directors of the Northwest League were still in session at the Seattle hotel, and there was little prospect of a final decision being reached on the playing schedule before morning. All hands are anxious to wind up the meeting, but a lot of subjects of particular interest to the league must be gone into.

President Brown, of Vancouver, expressed the opinion this morning that the schedule would be adopted some time to-day. It would probably have been accepted last night, but President Kingham of Victoria, did not reach Seattle until about 10.30 and it was after 11 p. m. before the meeting adjourned from 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon pending his arrival, was resumed with President Blewett in the chair. Others present were: D. E. Dugdale, Seattle; R. P. Brown, Vancouver; Joe McGinnity, Tacoma; F. C. Farr, Spokane; Joshua Kingham, Victoria; and John S. Barnes, Aberdeen. James Norton and George Salvus acted as secretaries.

The schedule committee appointed Wednesday reported yesterday, and their schedule may be the one adopted. Generally speaking, it seemed to be fairly acceptable to the different directors. There was a noticeable absence of kicking, in comparison to some of the other meetings of a similar nature.

The opening week, commencing April 26, had Tacoma in Seattle; Victoria in Vancouver and Aberdeen in Spokane. As this was the lineup on the first day of the proceedings, it looks like a fixture. The plan as presented gave Seattle thirteen weeks at home. As Aberdeen wanted only nine, two were added to Seattle's original allotment of eleven.

While President Blewett has not officially rounded up his umpires, he has under consideration four well-known names. The list comprises: Ralf Frary, Jimmy Toman, McGreevy and Mike Lynch.

The directors approved the plan of the Tacoma Elks to give Charlie Swain a benefit game in Tacoma, Sunday, April 18. The Tacoma team will play a team made up of men contributed by the five other clubs in the league.

Bob Brown will have charge of the team that opposes Tacoma.

President Blewett was instructed to

SHOULD BE A STAR



FRANK M'HENRY

Victoria's star righthander, who has signed his 1915 contract with the local club. McHenry should be one of the finest twirlers in the circuit this season.

enforce the rules of the national association in regard to the limit of players. This permits a club to have fourteen on the salary list during the greater part of the playing season. In case of injury to two or more players, permission must be secured from the president before securing men to take their place. Stringent rules were adopted to keep the clubs within the salary limit.

No deals for players were reported. Outfielder Cy Neighbors came over from Tacoma and after a consultation with President Farr, signed a Spokane contract. President Kingham has given Bert Delmas, player-manager of Victoria of last year permission to trade himself. A contract was offered him, but he did not like it, and did not sign.

FAIRFIELDS HAVE

NOT BEEN BEATEN

Sunday School League Leaders Ran Up Big Score on Belmonts; Centennials Won

Belmonts were outclassed by the league-leading Fairfield quintette in the first of last night's Sunday School basketball league combats, the latter scoring 54 points to their opponents 10. By winning last night's game, the Fairfield increased their lead over the Metropolitans, and have now won 7 games. They have yet to suffer a defeat.

The teams: Fairfield—Aird and Marwood; forwards: White, centre; H. J. Knott and Walton, guards; Belmont—G. Parfitt and Upward, forwards; R. Parfitt, centre; Wellwood and R. T. Knott, guards.

Superior staying powers gave the Centennials a narrow victory over Knox in the second game of the double header, the final score being 14 to 8. Knox looked like sure winners in the opening period. Their shooting was good, while their checking was excellent. The only thing they lacked was condition. When the whistle blew for half way interval Knox led 6 to 2.

Early in the second period the Centennials showed a remarkable reversal of form, outclassing their opponents in attack and defence, and netting 12 more points while they held Knox to one basket.

Stan Young netted 6 points for Centennials, being high man, with Knott and Dickson close on his heels with 4 points apiece. Murray and Stewart between them contributed all of Knox's points, each netting 2 baskets.

The teams: Knox—Stewart and MacDonald, forwards; Murray, centre; Dunn and G. McKenzie, guards. Centennial—Bunt and Dickson, forwards; Young, centre; Brethour and Leigh, guards.

League Standing.

	Won	Lost	Pts.
Fairfields	4	0	14
Metropolitans	4	1	8
Centennials	4	2	6
Baptists	4	2	8
Congregationals	2	3	4
Knox	2	4	4
Belmont	1	5	2
James Bay	0	7	0

"BAD MAN" HALL ONE OF THE GAMEST

"You might as well hang a dog as give it a bad name," is the old saw which some newspapers and some alleged students of hockey are trying always to apply to Joe Hall, the famous defence player of the Quebec H. A. team. Joe Hall is the proud possessor of the unique title "The Bad Man of Hockey." But he has gone along for years with the name. He is still playing a strenuous, effective article of the game, and drawing his money regularly.

Senior hockey is likely to have Hall for some years yet. He may have been playing ten years, but he is not thirty, and he has a reputation for taking care of himself all year around. Joe began ten years ago when he was a youth, playing rover for the Brandon Hockey club, of the Manitoba league. He was an amateur then. Nine years ago he went to the Winnipeg, and was on their team for two years, while they struggled to down the Rat Portage team, holders of the Stanley cup. After that Hall had some experience in the old International league, where, with Pfitze and Laviolette, now of the Canadiens, and the famous Hod Stuart, he played in the fierce contests which hockey always produced in the copper country.

Out of this hard school, Joe Hall came to Quebec. Here he realized his ambition to be on a team that could win the Stanley cup. Quebec came out on top twice, in 1911 and again in 1912. Joe was recognized as one of the most effective players in hockey. Strenuous is the word which characterizes his work. He checked the men, and kept them from getting goals, which is one of the grievances against him. When he rushed he went

SOCCER SCHEDULE FOR TO-MORROW

Fifth Regiment to Meet Wil-lows All-Stars; Wests and C. P. R. Clash

Victoria West Intermediates meet the C. P. R. eleven at the Royal Athletic park to-morrow afternoon in the final for the intermediate championship. The Railwaymen have two wins to their credit over the Wests, but the latter have been improving right along, and they will put up a hard game for the second league honors. Several other soccer fixtures are on the cards. The junior championship has been postponed a week, but the Fifth Regiment eleven, winners of the Regimental league, will play an All-Star Wil-lows team at Beacon Hill. Another exhibition game is that arranged between the Thistles and Civic Service A. A. This contest will also take place at Beacon Hill.

The teams for to-morrow's games are as follows:

Civic Service—Rodgers, McGhie and Bridges; Haines, Nash and Beech; McKinnon, McDougall, Cummings, Swan, Bridges.

Thistles—Robertson; Newlands and Taylor; Greig, Breadner and Stronach; Howden, McKinnon, Philmore, Inglis and Atwell.

Willows—L. Cpl. Ridge; Tpr. Homes and Pte. Cameron; Pte. Gregory, Pte. Reddhaugh and Tpr. Parks; Pte. Grimshaw, Cpl. Pilkington, Tpr. Mossley and Pte. Smithson. Reserves, Ptes. Jones, George and Jacobs.

Victoria West—C. P. R. S. Davies-H. Ord (capt.) and A. N. Other; D. Mesh-er, S. Ross and C. Brown; W. Grimes, L. Mackenzie, S. Merrifield, J. Pettigrew and A. Carmichael. Reserves, B. Youson.

Secretary Jack Youson, of the Victoria Football association, this morning announced the draw for the first round of the Jackson cup competition as follows:

Thistles vs. Civic Service, Beacon Hill; referee, Okewell.

West "A" vs. C. P. R., North Ward park; referee, Dugan.

Navy vs. 15th Regiment, Canteen Grounds; referee, Oliver.

Wests vs. Jacksons, Royal Athletic park; referee, Locke.

Fairfields drew a bye.

A general meeting of the Thistle Football club will be held to-night in the Y. M. C. A. building at 8.15 o'clock.

RUGBY FIXTURE.

Fifth Regiment rugby team will play a combined school team to-morrow afternoon at Oak Bay, the University-McGill match having been postponed until next Tuesday because of examinations.



JOE HALL
Quebec "Bad Man."

for all that was in him, and his shot was wicked. He did everything too hard, the critics said.

But what really got him his reputation was his ability to "call" a player who squealed when hurt, and to pay his respects to referees. He came to feel that the referees were heeding the clamor of critics, and were paying him more than one-twelfth of their attention. This did not make him more gentle or polite, and most people have forgotten all about Hall's great ability and his gameness.

in the scoring. The score at half-time was 14-2.

Play was the fastest seen this season and the Ramblers kept it up throughout, while their opponents tried towards the end. The Ramblers played a substitute, and although he did well G. Blandy was misused on the forward line. Gordon McKay got 21 points and Alex. McKay 14, these two playing fine combination coupled with good shooting. The guards fed them well with snappy passing and checked close, as the low score shows.

For the Firemen, W. Prior scored 7 and J. Drinkwater 6. E. M. Whyte as referee had the game always in hand.

The teams: Firemen—J. Molish, J. Drinkwater, W. Prior, J. Gerrard, J. Forzythe.

Ramblers—A. McKay, J. G. McKay, S. Toms, A. D. McLeod, R. Bledsoe.

League Standing.

	Won	Lost	Pts.
Ramblers	6	1	12
Firemen	3	2	6
Athletic Club	0	5	0

Speed and individual work appears the whole tip with the Portland players.

University School appear certain of carrying off the Virtue cup.

Bob Genge is showing improvement in his blocking in recent matches.

Three Quick Snaps From Our

AFTER-INVENTORY CLEAN-UP

Suits, Underwear and Hats—three lines we find ourselves a little heavy on in completing our inventory. We are going to lighten these lines to-morrow, and we will do it by marking them at prices that will practically force men into our store.

Just Look at These Values—Three Needed Articles of Men's Wear at Little Better Than Junk Prices

Men's Smart Suits

Reg. \$25.00 and \$30.00

Odd lines, but every one a first-class suit, of excellent material, snappy style and high-grade tailoring. In good shades of tweeds and worsteds.

TO-MORROW YOUR PICK FOR

\$10

New Hats

Reg. \$3.50 to \$5.00

There are five dozen only of these in nobby shapes in both soft and hard blocks. Sizes 6 3/4 to 7. New styles.

TO-MORROW YOUR PICK FOR

\$1.25

Underwear Snaps

Reg. \$4.00 to \$6.00

A few odd lines of the best Underwear. Heavy all-wool and some silk and wool in combinations.

TO-MORROW YOUR PICK FOR

\$3

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YACHT CLUB WILL HAVE FLYING CORPS

Toronto, Feb. 3.—Could not Toronto make the centre for an aviation corps or training school for airmen for service either at home or abroad?

The Royal Canadian Yacht club, which has set 42 members to the front with the first contingent—among them Douglas-Hallam, who is now a sub-lieutenant in the Royal Navy Flying Corps—is taking the matter up.

Mr. M. A. Kennedy, of the R. C. Y. C., sailing committee has been in communication with the militia department, and finds the headquarters staff, both here and in Ottawa, quite "warm" towards such a project.

At present flying is prohibited in the vicinity of Toronto, but it is understood that the militia department would rescind the restriction were the Royal Canadian Yacht club to make a request for the purpose mentioned.

Flying machines are expensive. A pair of convertible biplanes, for instance, which could be used for either land or water work, would cost \$13,000. Some of the R. C. Y. C. members, however, have promised substantial contributions towards the purchase of machines, and the board of control is understood to look with favor on a civic grant to assist the purchase. Other R. C. Y. C. members are pledging themselves to contribute towards the running expenses of the corps, for the training school would require a staff of aviators and mechanics, and there would be repairs and gasoline bills to meet.

BROAD STREET FIVE LOST TO ST. JAMES

St. James cue artists provided the surprise in last night's billiard series for the Burroughs & Watts trophy, winning three out of five games. The matches were played at the Broad street hall, Coldcut, Reid and Jordan winning their games. The scores: St. James—Cowan, 169; Coldcut, 250; Reid, 250; Jordan, 250; Fletcher, 180.

FIELD HOCKEY CLUB TO VISIT VANCOUVER

With a greatly strengthened lineup, the Victoria Ladies' Field Hockey club will play the Vancouver team at Brockton Point to-morrow. The Victoria team leave for the mainland on the midnight boat and will consist of the following players: Fullbacks, Misses Vincent, Papke and Hannon; halfbacks, Misses Nason, Cotsworth and Christopher; forwards, Misses Jackson, Sehl, Briggs, Vaio and Hall.

REMARKED ON THE SIDE

Charity Carnival Sure to Draw a Crowd.

There is something about an ice carnival that appeals to the skating enthusiasts, and a record crowd is looked for at the charity fancy dress carnival which will be held at the Arena on February 16. In years past Victorians have turned out in thousands to watch the skaters in their unique and original costumes. At Vancouver last week the Terminal City turned out fourteen hundred skaters for the annual carnival. All the proceeds of this entertainment will be handed over to the Naval Chapter League, I. O. O. E., so that the affair will be made a big social event.

Slim Smith Thought He Earned An Increase.

Not content with asking for his original salary, Slim Smith, in returning his unsigned contract to the Victoria club, stated that he was due for an increase. Smith's demand, in view of the salary reduction all round in baseball, would be funny were it not for the fact that the Victoria club artist is serious in his request. Smith is only an average twirler, and he is utterly unable to win in Victoria's small ball park. He won fourteen and lost twelve games for an average of .538 last summer, though most of his victories were registered while he was a member of the Spokane club. Slim has been given a chance to make a deal for himself, and the fans will be given a chance to see if he can cop off a salary boost at the expense of some other team.

Last year Montreal Wanderers started the season by winning their first two matches, and then lost the next eight right off the reel. Canadiens tied this N. H. A. mark by losing eight straight.

It seems likely now that the N. H. A. will send a delegate to the coast to settle some details in connection with the draft clauses in the National agreement. The dates for the forwarding of contracts to drafted players and for paying the draft price are among the matters to be settled.

COAST LEAGUE REFEREE HAS RESIGNED

OFFICIALS TO LOOK INTO ROUGH PLAY

Kerr's Ankle Will Allow Him to Start in Portland Game Next Tuesday; Hockey Gos-sip

It is likely that the Pacific Coast Hockey association will take some drastic action at to-day's meeting with regard to the rough hockey on the coast. President Patrick has had a hard time satisfying the Portland team in the matter of referees, and now that Tommy Phillips has resigned as a referee, he will be in a worse position than ever.

Vancouver, Feb. 5.—On his return from Victoria where he officiated as referee of the hockey game, Tommy Phillips, official referee of the Pacific Coast league, announced his resignation from the league.

Lester Patrick went over to Vancouver last night to confer on the matter of officials and he will return after to-night's game between Portland and Vancouver. Victoria plays at Portland next Tuesday night, and it is expected that Dubbie Kerr will be able to get into the game. His ankle has recovered sufficiently to allow him to leave his room and he expects to start the game.

Vancouver critics are already picking their All-Star teams, forgetting that there is more than a month to go in the P. C. H. A. Art Garvey, sporting writer on the News-Advertiser, breaks into print with the following:

Here's a formidable looking coast hockey team along with a second best line-up:

All Coast Number One—Lehman (Vancouver), goal; Griffin (Vancouver), point; Patrick (Victoria), cover point; Taylor (Vancouver), rover; Outman (Portland), right wing; Mackay (Vancouver), centre; Nighbor (Vancouver), left wing.

All Coast Number Two—Mitchell (Portland), goal; Johnson (Portland), point; Tobin (Portland), cover point; Poulin (Victoria), rover; Kerr (Victoria), right wing; McDonald (Portland), centre; Throop (Portland), left wing.

Eastern hockey magnates are now trying hard to patch up the agreement with the Pacific Coast Hockey league and have the world's series played as per schedule in March on the Pacific coast. President Frank Patrick, of the Pacific coast league, is awaiting word from the east that might have some bearing on the situation, but the coast official declares that there can be no settlement just so long as the National Hockey association continues to permit Tommy Smith in the line-up of

the Toronto Shamrocks. He is going ahead with his plans, which call for a series on the coast in March between an all-star team from the east and the coast champions. Art Ross, the Montreal veteran, will probably head the eastern team.

Speaking of curved shots with a hockey puck, all pucks curve if driven with any speed. A long high shot with the puck slightly tilted will curve half a foot. Alf Smith and Frank McGee used to shoot at the clock up near the top seats of the Gladstone rink years ago and always allowed for the curve of the rubber. A puck is raised from the ice by a cut when the shot is delivered and is always spinning like a clay pigeon sent out of a trap. It curves on the same principle as a flat stone thrown through the air. The "stuff" on the rubber is administered by all shooters.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—It was rumored last night that the Wanderers will try to make a deal for Donald Smith, who is offered for sale by the Canadiens. Smith would fill in nicely with the Wanderers and would add to the chances of the team in the race for the honors.

Two of the heaviest scorers in the N. H. A. are with tail-end aggregations, viz., Tommy Smith and Didier Pitre.

Individual Scoring Record.

	Games	Goals	Assists	Pts.
Mackay, Van.	10	17	3	20
Outman, Port.	10	15	4	19
Taylor, Van.	9	9	9	18
Throop, Port.	10	11	6	17
Dunderdale, Vic.	10	8	9	17
McDonald, Port.	10	9	7	16
Mallen, Van.	10	9	5	14
Harris, Port.	10	11	2	13
Kerr, Vic.	9	10	3	13
Nighbor, Van.	10	9	1	10
Patrick, Vic.	10	1	1	8
Tobin, Port.	10	6	1	7
Cook, Van.	10	4	2	6
Johnson, Port.	10	4	2	6
Rowe, Vic.	6	4	1	5
Poulin, Vic.	10	3	2	5
Small, Vic.	8	3	1	4
Morris, Vic.	5	3	1	3
Seaborn, Van.	5	2	0	2
Genge, Vic.	10	1	1	2
Griffin, Van.	10	1	1	2
Matz, Van.	1	1	0	1
Totals	146	62	208	

Winnipeg, Feb. 5.—The Victorias defeated the champion Monarchs here last night by the score of 8 to 1, and thereby kept right on the heels of the Monarchs in the race for the Winnipeg Hockey league championship.

Tacoma beat Victoria to signing up Pitcher Franch.

Calvo will report to the Los Angeles club this month.

The Cuban is willing to re-enter organized baseball.

SOCCER LEAGUES

MAY WAGE WAR

National Football Associations of England and Scotland Have Disagreed

There is every prospect of an estrangement between the National Football associations of England and Scotland over the "stop the game" business. The F. A. agreed to cancellation of international matches but the S. F. A. have gone further and vetoed all cup ties. Here is the report submitted to the F. A. council at their last meeting:

Points of Difference. "As the Scottish Football association had asked for the conference, it came as a surprise to members when the president of the Scottish F. A. informed them that his association had placed themselves unreservedly in the hands of the war office in the matter of the continuance or suspension of the playing of football in Scotland. It is difficult, in face of this decision to understand (1) why a conference was requested by the Scottish F. A.; (2) why their delegates should take part in discussions with the other representatives as to the desirability or otherwise of continuing to play; and (3) why before reporting the conference resolutions to their association for consideration the delegates should take action in opposition to a resolution for which a majority of the representatives had voted at the conference.

Grounds of Complaint. "No intimation whatever was given at the conference by the Scottish representatives that they intended to visit the war office.

"As no explanation has been given your committee consider they have good ground to complain of the action of the Scottish F. A. and its delegates. "The report of the Scottish delegates to their association as to what occurred at the conference is not correct in some respects; but the most serious consideration is that if the representatives at a joint conference are not to hold themselves bound to honor the decisions of that conference, the fundamental principle of the international board and international agreements is destroyed."

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1235 Government Street—20 feet frontage. Per month \$125
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GERMAN CAPTAIN SAILS A BELGIAN WINDJAMMER

Portland, Ore., Feb. 5.—Capt. Mark, master of the Belgian barque-Katanga, which has just arrived at the North Pacific mill from Santa Rosalia is non-committal as to whether he will go out on the vessel when he leaves for Europe with a cargo of grain. He informed C. Henri Labbe, vice-consul at Portland for Belgium, that he will act under the instructions of the owners.

The Katanga is owned in Belgium and Capt. Mark is a citizen of Germany, a situation that has not arisen heretofore on any of the vessels coming to Portland since the outbreak of the war. Naturally considerable speculation has been indulged in as to whether the Germans in the crew of the Katanga will remain on her when she clears for the war zone. Ernest Rust, first officer of the barque, also is a German, and in all there are ten members of the crew who are subjects of the Kaiser. The second and third officers are Belgians, as are four of the sailors. Others in the crew of 27 are Scandinavians. In case the war should

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Crown of Seville	Smith	2,674	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Feb. 5
Clengyle	Webster	2,596	P. D. & B.	London	Feb. 5
Moyuna	Wheeler	3,213	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 15
Tamba Maru	Nagasaki	3,530	Northrop	Hongkong	Feb. 10
Nigara	Rolla	7,533	C. P. R.	Sydney	Feb. 10
Titan	Read	5,800	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 15
Tacoma Maru	Hanada	3,530	R. P. Rithet & Co.	Hongkong	Feb. 15
Chancellor	Donald	2,985	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Mar. 5
Shidzuka Maru	Dogachi	4,200	G. Northern	Hongkong	Feb. 27
Anama Maru	Kanao	3,820	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Mar. 5
Spectator	Netherton	2,435	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Mar. 5
Carnarvonshire	Bolland	5,595	P. D. & B.	Liverpool	Mar. 5
Astrana	Phillips	4,476	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Mar. 5
Makura	Lyett	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	Mar. 1
Canfa	Phillips	4,921	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Mar. 15
Seattle Maru	Saito	3,820	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Mar. 15
Montezuma	Davidson	3,960	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Mar. 15
Buenaventura	Fitzsimmons	3,580	B. W. Greer	New York	Mar. 25

DEEP-SEA DEPARTURES.

Aki Maru, G.N., Hongkong	Feb. 15
Canada Maru, R.P.Rithet, Hgk's	Feb. 15
Nigara, C. P. R., Sydney	Feb. 17
Ixion, Dodwell, Liverpool	Feb. 18
Tamba Maru, G.N., Hongkong	Feb. 23
Tacoma Maru, R.P.Rithet, Hgk's	Mar. 5
Oanta, Dodwell, Hongkong	Mar. 10
Makura, C.P.R., Australia	Mar. 17

SAILERS COMING.

Columbia, American schooner, from Salaverry, Peru, for Royal Roads	
Lead lumber at Vancouver for Australia	
Expansion, American schooner, to load lumber at Vancouver	

FERRY SERVICES.

For Vancouver.	
Princess Victoria leaves 1.45 p.m. daily.	
Princess Adelaide leaves 11.45 p.m. daily.	
From Vancouver.	
Princess Victoria arrives 4.30 p.m. daily.	
Princess Adelaide arrives 5.30 a.m. daily.	

Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

INTERIOR OF INDIA

WAS TORN TO PIECES

Hospital Ship Nippon Weeks at Capt. Noma Tells of Last After Tamba Maru Arrives One

Bombay Renovating; Members of Crew Here

With a red band painted around her hull and two red crosses on her funnels, the Indian hospital ship Loyalty, formerly the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of India, is now running between Bombay, British East Africa, and Bombay, India. This news was brought to Victoria yesterday by A. McIntosh and G. J. Trapp, who sailed from here on the white steamship last August and who remained with her until one month ago. They arrived in Victoria from Bombay on board the Nippon liner Aki Maru, which docked yesterday afternoon.

The former members of the Loyalty's crew say that the outward appearance of the crack ship has not been changed to any marked degree, but that it is difficult to recognize the interior. For nine weeks the vessel lay at Bombay while mechanics assailed her elaborate fittings with crowbars, axes, hammers and other tools. The interior was completely gutted, and then the work of equipping her as a hospital ship was started. Space was reserved for 450 swinging cots and 100 stationary berths. Operating and X-ray rooms were provided, and the ship carries one of the most complete sets of surgical instruments ever placed on board a hospital ship. Many European doctors and nurses are included in the ship's complement.

When McIntosh and Trapp left the Loyalty she was operating between Bombay and British East Africa, taking home to the Indian empire the brave native fighters who are so seriously wounded that they cannot return to the struggle between the British and German forces in Africa. There is a report that the ship will be sent to Marseilles at a later date to carry to India the men who have sustained serious wounds in the mighty conflict now raging in Flanders and Northern France.

The Loyalty was purchased from the C. P. R. by the Government of Bombay, one of the most prominent princes of the great Indian empire. Capt. Hailey, R. N. R., who was master of the vessel for about one year before she was taken over by the Gaekwar, is still in command of her, and most of her other officers are sailing on her.

not be over on the arrival of the Katanga in the United Kingdom, it is said, the Germans on her would be in danger of being made prisoners. It will be a year on February 28 since the Katanga left Hamburg for Santa Rosalia with a general cargo. That the greater part of Europe would be involved in war was never suspected at that time. The barque arrived at Santa Rosalia August 5. She remained at that port for a considerable period after having been chartered to come to Portland, on account of German cruisers being on the outside. Capt. Mark is well known at Portland, having been here on his last previous trip as master of the German ship Frieda. She was sold to a Russian firm some time ago, long before the war broke out. As soon as the vessel has discharged her ballast and is lined she will begin loading grain. Her cargo will be exported by M. H. House.

UNLUCKY SEAS GIVE

AKI AWFUL SMASHES

Round-Trip From Japan to This Coast; Weather Fierce

Unlucky seas are things mariners never wish to encounter, yet when once these cruel combers come thundering towards a ship no seamanship can save it from the terrific blows which they deal. Some seamen go through their careers without ever facing an unlucky sea, and there are other men who are continually favored by their presence. Capt. Noma, master of the Nippon liner Aki Maru, which was in port yesterday, believes he belongs to the latter class, as on two trips prior to the one just completed, his ship had the misfortune to be struck by unlucky seas and sustained serious damage.

On the last inward voyage a great comber crashed aboard the steamship, carrying away one of the companion ways, battering in the two-inch teak door leading to the main saloon, which was flooded, bending the steel plates of all the cabins on the starboard side, and smashing several of the lifeboats. The vessel was brought almost to a standstill by the force of the impact. Capt. Noma says that on the outward voyage from Victoria the weather

ONE TRIP CANCELLED

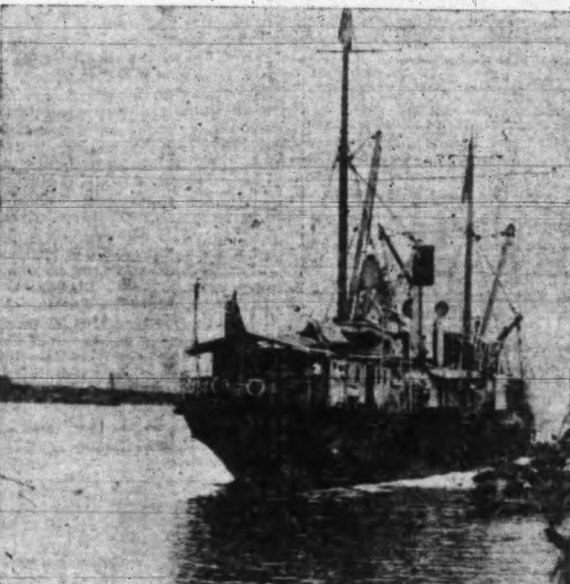
IN NIPPON SCHEDULE

Month Will Elapse Before Next Ship Docks

Announcement was made this morning by W. R. Dale, local agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, that one trip would be missed in the trans-Pacific service in order that the schedule may be rearranged. After the arrival of the liner Tamba Maru two weeks from yesterday, there will not be a Nippon ship in from the Orient for a month. The steamship Shidzuka Maru was expected to follow two weeks after the Tamba Maru, but she has been unable to make the connections, and the company has decided to cancel the sailing from Yokohama of February 10. Owing to the necessity of making repairs to the steamship Aki Maru, it was arranged to order the Shidzuka to turn back from Yokohama to Hongkong. She has, however, been unable to get back to Yokohama in time to sail next Wednesday, and she will be held until the new schedule of the company is decided upon.

This is the first time in many years that the Nippon company has cut out a sailing. It has always sent its ships along in order, even though they may have experienced slight delays. The

LEAVES DELHI TO HER FATE ON NORTHERN REEF



S. S. SALVOR

Wrangel, Alaska, Feb. 5.—The Canadian salvage steamer Salvor, which has been attempting to float the steamer Delhi of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, wrecked on the south end of Strait Island, Summer Strait, abandoned, the vessel to her fate yesterday. The Delhi will be a total loss.

The heavy weather prevented the salvaging of the wrecked vessel. She lay on a rocky reef which made it dangerous for the Salvor to go near her. The work was proceeding a

few days ago, the salvage steamer had a narrow escape from getting fast on the reef, and a change in salvage methods was adopted. The Salvor's pumps which were being used in keeping the water down in the holds of the wrecked steamer, were transferred to a launch, which was sent alongside the Delhi. Despite these efforts, however, a southwest gale finished the work of destruction. For the past few days the Delhi has been battered by southwesterly weather, and with great seas breaking over her the steamer rapidly went to pieces.

was the worst he has ever seen on the Pacific. Once again an unlucky sea struck the ship, and although it hit a more substantial section than the former wave, considerable damage was done. The vessel ran into terrific weather a few days, out from Cape Flattery, and when in mid-Pacific the Aki received an awful belting. Although heavily laden the steamship rode the gigantic seas in a splendid manner, but the unlucky comber came swooping down upon her so quickly and unexpectedly that the ship received the full force of the smash. It struck on the port side, just at the forward break of the cabin. A companionway was swept overboard and much water found its way into the staterooms and saloon below. The steel plates were bent slightly. The Aki was two days late reaching Yokohama as a result of the fierce struggle she had to wage.

Repaired At Kobe.

The Aki Maru was ordered to discharge all her cargo at Yokohama and proceed to Kobe for repairs. The work took several weeks, and while she was in dock the owners seized the opportunity to give her a good cleaning and painting, both inside and outside. When she arrived here yesterday she was in excellent condition. Capt. Noma reports a fair passage of fourteen days from Yokohama on the last inward voyage. The following winds and seas helped the steamship to make a faster voyage than usual.

The Aki discharged 700 tons of cargo at the outer docks and proceeded to Seattle early this morning. "Why do you insist upon having the biggest share of the Christmas pudding, Harry?" asked the mother of a small boy. "Isn't your older brother entitled to it?" "No, he isn't," replied the little fellow; "he was eating pudding two years before I was born."

ASAMA WAS VISITOR ON COAST LAST YEAR

Wrecked Japanese Cruiser Was Here Last June; Saw Action in Russo-Jap. War

Victorians will remember the Japanese cruiser Asama, which reports from Washington, B. C., say is pounding pieces on the rocks 360 miles south of Port San Bartolome, Mexico. Rear-Admiral Hara, commander of the Pacific fleet of the United States, sent this message to his head officers yesterday.

The Asama, accompanied by the cruiser Azuma, arrived here on June 24 last and swung at anchor off this port for several days. They made a very lengthy cruise. From Japan they proceeded to Honolulu, then to San Diego and San Francisco. They came north to Vancouver, Victoria, Tacoma and Seattle and then returned to Japan. The two cruisers arrived in home waters just prior to the outbreak of war. The Asama was dispatched on a cruise to South Pacific waters and several ships arriving at coast ports have reported sighting her.

While at Victoria thousands of Victorians went on board the Asama and inspected her. She attracted more attention than many war vessels which have been here, through the fact that she had seen action. The Asama has a war record that dates back to the battle of the Sea of Japan, May 27-28 1905, on which occasion she received the surrender of Rear-Admiral Nekogotoff, of the Russian navy. After this fight she was engaged successfully with the Russian cruiser Dmitri Donskoi, and it was from the decks of the Asama that the Emperor of Japan reviewed the naval parade in Japanese waters, the latter part of October 1905. More recently the Asama has been active in the Pacific. In November she was reported as hovering outside of Honolulu harbor awaiting the coming out of a German warship, and in January of this year she was steaming up and down the coast of Peru looking for the German cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

At least three American warships are in the Asama's vicinity and under wireless orders from Rear-Admiral Howard undoubtedly are acting by this time to help the Japanese cruiser. The collier Nanshan was at La Pas on January 30, the gunboat Yorktown was at the same places as easily within range of the Asama's wireless if she had opportunity to use it. It is not unlikely that her calls were heard by her before the news reached Admiral Howard of San Diego, where he went after an explosion on his ship a few days ago had damaged the boilers and killed and injured some of her crew.

Port San Bartolome is on the Pacific side of Lower California, Mexico, midway of the peninsula. It is about four hundred miles south of San Diego and about three hundred miles north of Magdalena Bay where American naval vessels in the Pacific frequently rendezvous. Port San Bartolome is situated in almost an uninhabited country. Port San Bartolome is considered by mariners as the best harbor on the coast between San Diego and Magdalena Bay. It is the favorite refuge for whaling vessels to refit and try out the blubber of captured whales. The harbor is very fine with an entrance a mile wide and free from hidden dangers. The port itself is two and a half miles in diameter. The settlement is sparse and it is assumed there are very few craft there to assist in rescue operations.

While the rules of international law permit belligerent vessels to call on neutral craft of all kinds to assist them when in distress, any sailor taken aboard the American ships of war may be interned for the remainder of the war. An article of the second Hague convention says: "If the sick wounded or shipwrecked are received on board a neutral ship of war, measures should be taken to see that they cannot again take part in the operations of war."

The Asama, a sister ship of the Tokiwa, is 421 feet over all, with a beam of 67 feet, and capable of making 21.2 knots. She has 18,000 horsepower and is armed with Harvey nickel steel. She was built in Elswick, Eng., in 1898 and carries four eight-inch guns, fourteen six-inch and twelve three-inch guns, four torpedo tubes below the water and one above. Her complement is 500 officers and men.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 5.—All charter rate records for Portland and North Pacific ports were broken yesterday with the charter by Balfour, Guthrie & Co., of the Japanese steamer Kenkon Maru, to load grain or flour here for the United Kingdom at 60s. per ton, with the option of diverting the cargo to a Mediterranean port at a rate exceeding 67s. The previous highest mark was established a week ago at 55s.

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ANOTHER SHIP IN ICE

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Orders were sent by wireless to the captain of the steamer Arizona, jammed in the ice in Lake Michigan, two miles off this port, to make no attempt to force her way through the ice until joined to-day by the Alabama, which was speeding to the rescue from Grand Haven, Mich. There are seventy members of the crew. She carried no passengers when she left Milwaukee Wednesday.

FOR SINKING SUBMARINE

London, Feb. 5.—The Syren and Shipping Gazette makes the following announcement: "To the captain, officers and crew of the first British merchant vessel, other than an armed cruiser, which succeeds in sinking a German submarine, the Syren and Shipping Gazette will present the sum of £500, the money to be distributed among the various recipients according to their rating."

B.C. COAST SERVICE

For Prince Rupert, Alert Bay and Campbell River, steamer leaves Vancouver 11 p.m. every Wednesday; 1.45 p.m. steamer from Victoria connecting.
For Ganges, Mayne Island and Gulf Island points, steamer leaves Victoria 6 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For West Coast points steamer leaves on long trip 1st and 20th of each month, and on short trip on 10th.
For Union Bay and Comox, steamer leaves Victoria at midnight Tuesday, and 1 p.m. from Nanaimo on Wednesdays and Fridays; 9 a.m. E. & N. train connecting.
For Vancouver, steamer leaves daily at 1.45 p.m., and 11.45 p.m.
For Seattle, leaves 5.30 p.m.
Full particulars on application C. P. R. Offices, 1102 Government Street.
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City Passenger Agent

of Seattle, Southeastern Alaska, 10.45 a.m.; Morning Star, British Columbia ports, 4.15 p.m.; str. President, Vancouver, B. C., and Sound ports, 1 a.m.; str. Ixion, Tacoma, 6 p.m.; Sailed: str. Admiral Farragut, San Francisco, 5 a.m.; str. Tampico, West coast, via San Francisco; U. S. L. H. T. Manzanita, cruise, 7.30 a.m.; bktn. Amazon, Mukilteo, in tow of tug Richard Holyoke, 11 a.m.; bge. Granby, No. 1, Tacoma, in tow of tug Arctic, 1.15 p.m. Balboa, Feb. 4.—Arrived: str. On-ward, from Portland, Ore., for the United Kingdom; str. Achilster, from San Francisco for Newport News and Falmouth, and proceeded; Sailed: str. Peter H. Crowell, from Seattle for New York and Baltimore.

WIRELESS REPORTS

February 5, 8 a.m.
Point Grey—Raining; S. E.; bar., 30.06; temp., 35.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E.; strong; bar., 29.90; temp., 33; sea rough.
Pachena—Raining; S. E.; bar., 29.78; temp., 40; heavy swell.
Estevan—Clear; W.; bar., 29.78; temp., 42; sea rough.
Triangle—Clear; N.; light; bar., 29.80; temp., 40; sea moderate.
Ikeda—Hall; raining; S. W.; strong; bar., 29.35; temp., 33; heavy swell.
Prince Rupert—Passing showers; S. E.; bar., 29.47; temp., 40; sea moderate.
Dead Tree Point—Overcast; S. W.; strong; bar., 29.36; temp., 31; heavy swell.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; S. E.; strong; bar., 29.77; temp., 29.

Noon.
Point Grey—Cloudy; E.; light; bar., 30.04; temp., 48.
Cape Lazo—Cloudy; S. E.; light; bar., 29.92; temp., 37; light swell.
Pachena—Cloudy; S. E.; bar., 29.68; temp., 44; light swell.
Estevan—Clear; calm; bar., 29.80; temp., 44; heavy swell.
Triangle—Clear; S. E.; bar., 29.90; temp., 37; light swell.
Ikeda—Raining; S. E.; strong; bar., 29.33; temp., 48; light swell.
Prince Rupert—Raining; S. E.; gale; bar., 29.44; temp., 42; sea rough.
Dead Tree Point—Raining; S. W.; fresh; bar., 29.35; temp., 36; sea rough.
Alert Bay—Cloudy; N. W.; light; bar., 29.92; temp., 42; sea smooth.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that at the present Session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, the Municipality of Saanich will ask that the Waterworks By-Law, 1914, be validated and confirmed, and that the Municipality be authorized and empowered to construct, operate and maintain the waterworks system in accordance with the plans, specifications and estimates referred to in the said By-Law, and that the said By-Law be validated and confirmed with Section 165 and Sub-section 22 of Section 64 of the Municipal Act. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 5th day of January, 1915. BARNARD, ROBERTSON, HEISTERMAN & TAIT, Solicitors for the Municipality of Saanich.

MARKET SUPERINTENDENT.

APPLICATIONS will be received, accompanied by testimonials, references, etc., at the office of the undersigned until February 12, 1915, at 12 o'clock noon, for the position of Superintendent of the Public Market, from bona fide residents of the city only. Salary to be fixed by the City Council. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C., City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., Feb. 2, 1915.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their sitting on Wednesday, the 10th day of March, 1915, for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me in respect of the Westhollow Hotel, situated at No. 301 Government street, in the City of Victoria, to Edward Bonner, of the said City of Victoria. Dated this 28th day of November, 1914. F. F. TROTTER.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1910

NOTICE is hereby given that, on the first day of January inst., application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for renewal of license for the sale of liquor by wholesale in and about the Province of British Columbia, to Janion, Ltd., situated at 1218 Wharf street, in the City of Victoria, B. C. Dated this 1st day of January, 1915. (Sgd.) E. F. RADIGER, Applicant.

CORPORATION OF DISTRICT OF SAANICH.

Sealed tenders, marked "Tenders for the Supply and Delivery of Lumber," will be received by the undersigned at the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, Saanich, B. C., up to 10 o'clock, Monday morning, Feb. 8, 1915. Specification and condition of contract and particulars may be obtained from the Municipal Engineer's Office. All bids must be accompanied by certified cheque in the amount as stated in condition of contract. The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in whole or in part, or to award contract for each respective supply area as outlined on plan attached to specifications. HECTOR S. COWPER, C. M. C., February 1, 1915.

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Secure information and tickets from E. E. BLACKWOOD, Agent, 1234 Government St. Phone 604.

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH.

WATERWORKS

Sealed tenders, marked "Tenders for Materials for Waterworks," will be received by registered post only by the undersigned at the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, Saanich, B. C., up to noon, March 12, 1915, for the supply of materials, including cast iron pipes and special castings, valves and hydrants. Specifications, Schedules of Quantities and particulars may be obtained from the Municipal Engineer's Office, upon making a deposit of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which will be returned on receipt of bona fide tenders. All bids must be accompanied by a certified cheque in the amount equal to five per cent. (5 p. c.) of the total amount of tender. Cheques will be returned to unsuccessful tenders as soon as a contract, if any is awarded, is executed. The Corporation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders in whole or in part, or to accept any bid or portion thereof, as may seem most advantageous and to the satisfaction of the Corporation. HECTOR S. COWPER, Clerk, Municipal Council, Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, Saanich, B. C., January 21, 1915.

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS DESIRING PAVEMENTS, OR PERMANENT SIDEWALKS.

With a view to finding early employment on local improvement works, a limited amount of paving and permanent sidewalk work will be done during 1915 as relief work at a considerably reduced cost to the owners or property fronting thereon. Those property owners desirous of taking advantage of this opportunity, whose work has already been petitioned for, or not) must have sufficient signed petitions presented to the City Council not later than the 28th of February next, requesting that the work be proceeded with. Everything else being equal, petitions first received will receive first consideration, but the Council does not bind itself to proceed with all, or any, work petitioned for. WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C. M. C., City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., Jan. 20th, 1915.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Re William Templeman, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and persons having any claims or demands against the Estate of William Templeman, late of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, deceased, who died on or about the 15th day of November, 1914, and whose will was proved by Richard L. Drury, Joshua Kingham and Alexander B. Fraser, the executors therein named, on the 4th day of December, 1914, in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, are hereby required to send in the particulars of their claims and demands to the said Executors on or before the 15th day of February, 1915. Particulars of such claims and demands may be effectually given by being delivered to Alexander B. Fraser, one of the above named Executors, whose address is 1222 Broad street, Victoria, B. C. AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that after the said 15th day of February, 1915, the executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have then had notice, and that they will not be liable for the assets of the deceased so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not then have had notice. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of January, 1915. JACKSON & BAKER, Solicitors for the above named Executors.

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A FEW REMARKABLY LOW PRICED HOMESITES—Oak Bay, big corner, St. Patrick, 53x130, sewer, water, light, sidewalk, only \$500, 120-cash, balance mortgage. Garden City, lot 11, block 8, 30x130, 1/2 acre, splendid quarter-acre, with number 6-year old fruit trees, city water, close to Marjorie station, only \$225. Viewfield road, Esquimalt, 2 fine big lots, \$200 cash the two, or \$150 each. Cedar Ave., near High School and University, 50x172, with few shade trees, only \$225 cash. These are the pick of the lowest priced lots in Victoria, and now is the time to buy. National Realty Co., 1222 Government street.

CORNER LOT FOR SALE, with a small house, corner of Oak and Rodrick streets, cheap, size of lot 50 by 100 feet. Inquire next door on Oak street.

FOR SALE—HOUSES

A VERY PRETTY, modern, new, 1 roomed, artistic bungalow, high location, good view, block from Burnside, in city limits, elegant lot 50x150, perfect soil, open fireplace and all conveniences. If looking for cozy home with ideal surroundings, see this. It is one of the best homes for the money we have ever offered. Price \$2,250. Car conductors, motorhome, etc., please note. Satisfactory terms, will rent furnished party. National Realty Co., 1222 Government street.

WANTED—An offer to purchase six-room modern house in Oak Bay; must be sold. Shaw & Co., 302 Stobart-Peasie Bldg., Yates street.

WILL SELL AT BARGAIN, easy terms, modern, eight-room house, best location, James Bay, 10 minutes' walk to Post Office, everything first-class. Unless sold previously will rent furnished. March 15. Box 7250, Times.

BARGAIN—Semi-bungalow property, suitable for store front, six roomed house, on Cook street, one block from Pandora avenue, E. 1201, \$300 cash, balance arranged. Apply owner, 1218 Douglas, Phone 4331.

FIVE-ROOM, MODERN HOUSE for sale, snap price. Apply 2323 Lee Ave. mt.

TERMS—New house, 4 rooms, 60x120, Cornwall street, off Richardson, owner, 1966 Esquimalt street.

READY TO MOVE IN—4 roomed house, furnished, piano, etc., lot 50x250, garden, 50x100, excellent terms, close to car line, sea and school. Reply Box R, Times.

BUILD YOUR OWN HOUSE—If you are paying for your own house, you have an opportunity to build cheaply, better than "knaps." You get expert advice, plans, house built and money, with installment repayment. The Artistic Home Concern, Address, "First, Box 902, Times."

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DIGNITISM—Publicity is the best pin in the seat of the mighty. Dignity Printing Co., 2011 Douglas, Phone 4331.

TENDERS WANTED—for my ten-acre poultry ranch at Meadlands, B. C. Electric house and 12 buildings, young orchard, rural mail—Joseph R. Emerson, Nanaimo.

TO LET—4-room cottage, corner Douglas road and Lamson street. Apply 1223 Dunsmuir road.

LAWN MOWERS collected, sharpened, delivered, B. Dandridge, Oak Bay Ave. Phone 4021, or 2011 Douglas.

SMALL HAND PRINTING PRESS wanted, P. O. Box 92, city.

FOUND—A small sum of money. Owner can have same by applying at 448 Niagara street and paying for this advertisement.

ONE OVERLAND AUTOMOBILE, 5-passenger, fully equipped with non-skid tires on rear, bumper, electric lights and starter, cost when new \$1,500; for immediate sale \$1,100, run only twelve hundred miles. T. Plimley, 735 Johnson street.

ONE 2-TON COMMER TRUCK, complete with body, \$1,500; this truck carries our usual stock guaranteed. T. Plimley, 735 Johnson street, city.

REPAIRING OF PLASTER neatly done. Phone 1541.

FOR RENT—Frame building on Johnson street, can be made suitable for auction room if desired. For further particulars apply L. U. Conyers & Co., 650 View St.

WE HAVE the following idle balances for loan on improved city property, viz. \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500. L. U. Conyers & Co., 650 View street.

START A BUSINESS OF YOUR OWN—Can put you next to twenty-four new business opportunities, all brand new, never before worked, for \$25. A wage slave's chance. Rogers, 340 Prince Edward street, Vancouver, B. C.

FOR RENT—4-room flat, all modern, hot and cold water, gas range, \$12. Apply 228 Bay street.

WANTED—Grocery clerk for order department, accurate and quick at dictation; state age and experience to Box 1241, Times Office.

WATCHING AND WAITING for an opportunity to serve you with good printing. Dignity Printing Co., 2011 Douglas street (Bentham Block).

BOY WANTED—Apprentice for drug business. High school entrance preferred. Apply Brown & Co., corner Hester and Esquimalt roads.

CADILLAC AUTOMOBILE for sale, in splendid order, price \$800. Will take local clear title property for all or part. P. O. Box 82, city.

ACREAGE WANTED—10 to 20 acres, improved or unimproved, near car line, must be under \$2,000; part payment in first-class municipal debentures. National Realty Co., 1222 Government St.

JUST RECEIVED—Shipment of our noted silk ankle hose at 50c, and undershirts, all colors, from \$1 up. At Sashbrook Young's Dry Goods Store, 625-625 Johnson street.

TWO LARGE front, unfurnished houses, keeping rooms; bath; hot and cold, light and gas, central, one minute Hillsdale, rent \$7. Box 122, Times.

PROPOSE SOCIETY

FOR NATURE STUDY

Junior Organization on Model of Audubon Society Proposed for Victoria

To encourage an interest in bird life and in the flora and fauna around Victoria, a junior natural history society is proposed, and to make its objects understood among the boys and girls of the city, Municipal Inspector Paul has been approached by the secretary, J. W. Lethaby.

Mr. Lethaby proposes that a meeting of those interested should be held tomorrow week, and asks for the use of an assembly hall in one of the schools, a subject which will be brought before the members of the board at the meeting next week. The new organization has for its model the Audubon societies which flourish on the American side, and are dedicated to the memory of the great naturalist and bird lover, Colonel McClellan, the chairman of the committee, has suggested that a register of those willing to join should be compiled. In addition to the education in natural history topics, the proposal has in view the identification of specimens, lectures by competent scientists and other and similar means of interesting the young in the facts of nature.

Mr. Paul is particularly pleased with this proposal taking a concrete form, for quite apart from the knowledge which can thus be gained in practical nature study, the advantage of inculcating the open air life in the child is of the greatest benefit. No one can appreciate the pages of literature of Walton, Gilbert, White, Thoreau and Jerfries, without assimilating the facts of nature at first hand, and with a museum in the city devoted to natural history and anthropology, there is an opportunity to secure correct information at all times to check up the field work.

Mr. Paul understands that something is contemplated in the way of a field club, for rambles in the fine weather around the city, and hopes that the scheme will shape itself in a satisfactory manner.

ASSISTANCE WELCOME

Employment Bureau Will Check Cases of Relief Against Abuse: Doing Useful Work

That the Central Employment and Relief organization is doing really useful work is shown by Dr. Millar when he said this morning that yesterday the organization was able to send out nine men to permanent positions, eight of them in the country, one a cook earning \$95 a month, another \$85 a month. They have also found temporary appointments, in town.

The employment supply clubs are receiving a large measure of support, and every additional form taken out by an organization means a measure of additional aid to the unemployed. The attention of the bureau is now directed to the registration of persons who apply for relief. No person will be relieved until he has registered with a view to employment being provided as soon as possible. Then he will receive assistance through the regular channels. In that way it will be relieved of persons who have abused relief organizations.

Employers of labor should understand, the manager announces, that no fees are charged for any service as the organization is under municipal auspices.

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BACK TO THE LAND—I can locate you on good pre-emption, transportation and coming district. Phone 414.

SITUATION WANTED by steam heating engineer, janitor, watchman or porter. Box 686, Times.

WANTED—The address of Edward Quinn, late with the Vancouver Island Power Co. Please notify H. D. Miller & Co., P. O. Box 37.

LOST—Gold bracelet, outside Pawcett's Drug Store. Finder please return 1218 Hillsdale Ave. Reward.

DIED—On the 14th inst., at his home, St. Charles street, occurred the very sudden death of William Henry Gull, aged 45 years, a member of Victoria Lodge, A. O. F., born in London, England. He is survived by a widow.

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon, Feb. 8, at 2:30 o'clock, from the parlors of Hanna & Thompson, 351 Pandora avenue, Rev. Baugh Allen officiating. Interment at Ross Bay cemetery.

Friends please accept this intimation.

MUNICIPALITY ASKS

FOR SPECIAL POWERS

Bill Before the Private Bills Committee is Considered This Morning

The private bills committee this afternoon took up the Sanich bill, in support of which there appeared Reeve McGregor, Councilor Jones, H. B. Robertson, solicitor, and H. S. Cowper, municipal clerk.

Mr. Robertson explained the bill which is framed to meet several matters of importance which have arisen in the municipality in the past year or so. The municipality seeks power to pass water main or not, for water works purposes. This is similar to the city's frontage tax for water mains, and the object is to place the cost of laying the system on the property benefited by it, or which can benefit by it if the owners desire to lay a connection.

The municipality has a by-law authorizing a loan of \$375,000 for water works purposes, and it is desired that instead of striking a rate annually for interest and sinking fund so long as the council, out of the rates and charges levied upon those benefited by the system, pays the amounts necessary to this end it shall not need to strike a rate. All necessary protection for the debenture-holders is provided.

Power is sought to acquire, by agreement or arbitration, private systems of pipes which have been laid by owners who have been taking water from the city, the idea being to reimburse the city for the outlay they incurred.

The municipality asks that the maximum amount that may be spent upon fire protection be raised from \$5,000 to \$25,000. As the ratepayers have to vote upon the amount to be expended, Mr. Robertson said there could be no objection to the request.

The municipality also desires validation of the Marjole and Blackwood roads by-law. These were passed in 1912, but the work was not done until much later, and meanwhile a number of the papers pertaining to the two by-laws have been lost, and it is impossible to close them up regularly.

A new section has been added to the bill as the result of objections made recently by the inspector of municipalities to the waterworks by-law, as not complying in certain respects with the Municipal Act. A contract with the fiscal agents for the sale of debentures was just about to be concluded when Mr. Baird's objections were learned. The municipality now seeks to have the technical exceptions taken, some of which Mr. Robertson did not think were well-founded in any event.

The committee took action on the bill, but after hearing Mr. Robertson and Reeve McGregor on it they laid it over until a later meeting. They appeared to be favorable to the requests of the municipality, but some of them to be included in general amendments to the Municipal Act. Care will be taken in whatever is done to have all interests of debenture-holders protected.

The bill to incorporate the Anglican Theological college of British Columbia was mentioned and will come up again. Mr. Robertson is acting for the promoters of the college, which will be one of the affiliated colleges of the University of British Columbia.

BOARD'S COUNCIL MET

Board of Trade Executive Body Received Acknowledgment From Dominion Government To-day.

The council of the board of trade this morning received an acknowledgment from the government of the request that \$25,000 be appropriated for furthering the lumber export business. It had been suggested that the Dominion government and the lumbermen be urged to contribute sums of \$25,000 each.

Information was received that the United Steamship company had reduced the freight on butter to Canada to seven-eighths of one penny per pound until March, 1916, when a further reduction of one-eighth of a penny would be made.

The Canadian-Australian line wrote that in case of Victoria shipments having to go to Vancouver, the company would take care of extra freight charges between Victoria and Vancouver.

The names of C. A. Holland and C. H. Leung were added to the joint stock companies' responsibility committee.

TRYING TO SHOW THAT CITY CAUSED DELAYS

James L. Raymur Cross-Examined in the Westholme Company Damage Suit

The cross-examination of City Comptroller Raymur this morning was directed by Mr. Taylor, for the Westholme company, towards showing that the Westholme company had been the only party in the Sooke water proposition by whom delay had been occasioned. The witness was questioned in regard to the land expropriation at Sooke lake, and in connection with the difficulty of acquiring certain required lands. In his evidence Mr. Cameron, the president of the company, had said that Mr. Raymur told him when the company had signed the contract that everything was ready, and to go ahead and get the work done as quickly as possible.

Mr. Taylor's questions this morning went towards showing that all was not ready, and that there was some considerable lapse of time before the city obtained rights to the lands around the lake. Mr. Raymur said he did not tell Mr. Cameron everything was ready. He did not have descriptions of the Sooke lake lands until some time after the contract had been signed. "Meanwhile, however, there had been notices served on the owners, and field engineers were sent in to get the descriptions where this had not been done already."

It was true, Mr. Raymur answered, that some of the land was not paid for until the contractors were off the land. The city engineers had decided what lands were wanted and had given Mr. Raymur the plans, whereupon he had forwarded plan and notice to the owner as soon as the descriptive notes reached him.

Mr. Raymur said he had a feeling throughout that the contract would not be finished in time. He had looked over the April delay report and he had not known of delayed plans prior to the report.

Mr. Justice Murphy asked the witness if he knew it to be a fact that Mayor Morley favored the Sooke lake project and that Mayor Beckwith was against it?

Mr. Raymur informed the court that Mr. Morley was there only twenty days after the election, which was by-law was passed. The water project was not an issue of the majority election.

Mr. Taylor: Mr. Morley was a strong advocate of the Sooke project and delighted at the by-law passing. Witness: Yes.

In answer to the court he said Mayor Beckwith was not against Sooke lake, but had objections to the company, and maintained that line of action.

Mr. Taylor drew attention to a meeting of July 14 following a visit to Sooke lake by Mayor Beckwith. The mayor had said on returning that the contractors were not getting on, and there were disputes over lines that were delaying work.

Mr. Raymur remarked that it looked like it.

The witness was then taken through a lot of record matter of meetings, and discontinuance proceedings that are history in the Westholme contract.

Mr. Taylor remarked that the Gorge road pipe had not been put in by the city until August. His questioning bore out that the Canadian Mineral company had work there, the Westholme company and the city also. It was to the advantage of the three parties that the work should be done all at once. The city, however, was the last one to be ready.

Mr. Justice Murphy remembered that the street had been torn up for nearly one year, and that he had given judgment against the city for \$500 in connection with it.

Mr. Robertson made some reference to the climatic conditions being in part responsible. Mr. Taylor hoped it would be allowed to go into evidence that there was any defect in the Victoria weather, or that there had been any indication of a bad climate.

INVITE PASTOR
Rev. C. A. Sykes, of Toronto, Will Preach at First Congregational Church This Month.

A meeting of church members associated with the First Congregational church decided last evening to invite Rev. C. A. Sykes, B. D., of Toronto, to preach at the last three Sundays of this month, with a view to his call to the pastorate.

The ministry of this church has been vacant for some time since the resignation of Rev. Hermon A. Carson. Part of the delay in making an appointment has been due to the desire to hear from Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, of London, Eng., who declined the invitation, and since that time attention has been directed elsewhere to secure a suitable pastor.

Mr. Sykes was born in 1870, and was educated at Cobden public schools, McGill University, and the Wesley Theological College, Montreal, and entered the ministry in 1893. He has been successively pastor of Dorchester Street church, Montreal; Mansenville mission, Coaticook; St. James' mission, Smith's Falls; Sydenham Street church, Kingston, Ont.; and since July 1910, of Wesley church, Toronto.

He has worked as an evangelist in the United States, and is well known in the east as a public writer and speaker.

HUNT CLUB RUN.
The Victoria Hunt club will hold their run to-morrow afternoon, meeting at Cedar Hill crossing at 2:15. They will finish their run at Royal Oak.

Druggist.—"What is it, Johnny?" Johnny (day after Christmas party)—"Three-pennyworth of beer—oh, but only a little, please. It's for me."

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEPARTURE OF 30TH

Definite Word Received at Headquarters Here; C. M. R. Also Expect to Leave Soon

Definite instructions with respect to the date of the departure of the 30th Battalion have finally been received, the announcement to the officers at the Willow camp being hailed with expressions of general relief. It is but a very mild measure of their delight at the news, to say that the men were pleased, as the instructions have been awaited with a zeal amounting to almost to impatience.

Preparations for the departure of the troops are now being rapidly completed. The battalion will, unless something unforeseen occurs in the meantime, 40 in command of Colonel Hall, and all told, rank and file, will total 1,015, comprising 34 warrant officers, 51 non-commissioned officers, and 930 men. No official announcement has been made as to the disposition of the battalion, although it is fairly well understood that they will be drafted to a base either in England or in France.

Yesterday a dispatch was received at headquarters of the Canadian Mounted rifles advising the officers to be prepared to embark at a moment's notice. It is probable that this corps, too, will soon be on its way to the front.

In connection with the recruiting for the third contingent, officers here stated yesterday that they thought there would be no difficulty whatever in making up the battalion in a very short time, as no sooner have men been drafted out than from forty to two hundred applicants have applied for the places. There is the same eagerness to take up military service as there was months ago, although the novelty, which was claimed by some to be the occasion for much of the recruiting, has had plenty of time to wear away. As things appear at the present time the new battalion, recruiting for which is already under way, will be quartered at the Willows, as it is confidently expected that most of the troops already stationed there will be moved out by the time that the new men are ready to move into camp.

This afternoon fifteen young men, most of whom are Victorians, left for Vancouver, en route for Toronto, Ont., where they will complete their training as members of the Divisional Supply corps which is being mobilized in that city for the second contingent.

The men who left are Serg. T. G. H. Pope, Ptes. E. B. Holden, E. H. Macdonald, P. S. Munro, H. J. Pembroke, W. H. Turnbull, C. M. Middleton, M. Chas. Blunt, T. W. Vaddy, J. T. Brown, F. B. Shore, G. Loran, A. G. Grant, A. J. Beatty, and A. O'Hara.

CONSIDER AMENDMENTS.
Special Meeting of Municipal Chapter, I. O. O. F., Held This Morning.

There was a special meeting this morning of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. O. F., to consider the amendments to the constitution. The report of the committee on the constitution was accepted as a whole, and the committee was retained. Mrs. Albert Griffiths, the regent, presided, and there was a good attendance of members of the chapter. The amendments were read by Mrs. R. S. Day.

Other business which came up at the meeting included an explanation from Mrs. McPhillips with respect to a misunderstanding in connection with some Christmas correspondence. The Municipal Chapter also decided to take up the matter of a room for the soldiers and sailors in camp, and a committee of which Mrs. Griffiths is convener, was appointed, the personnel of the same to consist of the regents of all the preliminary chapters, with power to add. This committee will at once commence the search for a suitable room for the headquarters of the new club which is known as the Army and Navy Service.

The room is to be in some central place, and will be supplied with reading matter, comfortable lounges, and will be sufficiently large for entertainments to be held from time to time. The men will be free to use the premises for cards, chess, etc., as a smoking room, and as a place where they can secure coffee or other light refreshment.

WILL MEET TO-NIGHT
Jitney Bus Owners to Gather for Organization Purposes; May Draft

A meeting of the jitney bus owners will be held this evening in the Strathcona hotel basement at 8 o'clock.

So rapid has been the growth of the traffic in this city in the last few months that the owners consider the time is ripe for an organization such as exists in other cities. An effort will be made to bring the owners of motor-cars plying for the transport of passengers into a formal body, under officers, and to obtain the best legal advice possible to protect the interests of the men engaged in this form of transportation.

Copies of the constitution adopted in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle will be laid before the meeting. It is stated, with a view to drafting a constitution for the local organization, and as a guide to its management.

The condition of operating buses in Victoria will be discussed by the meeting, and the question of protection of the owners' interests.

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LOCAL NEWS
Small British Mail In.—A small British mail arrived at the post office this morning. It consisted of six bags of letters and one of newspapers, and left England on January 23.
Plumbers and Steamfitters Meeting.—The plumbers and steamfitters of the city are invited to an open meeting this evening at 7:15. The meeting is to consider the wage scale in the city.
Hold Social Dance.—The Daughters of St. George will hold a social dance in the K. of C. hall, 724 Fort street, on Monday next, February 15. Dancing is from 9 to 1, and refreshments will be served.

Fusiliers' Band Concert.—The usual weekly concert will be given by the 88th Fusiliers' band under Bandmaster Rowland at Pantages theatre on Sunday evening. The band will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hudson in solos and duets.
To Go on Active Service.—Rev. William Barton, who left here with the first contingent for Valtierra, is announced as one of the eleven selected clergy from the number of chaplains who accompanied troops to England for chaplain service with the contingent at the front. This is a signal honor considering the number of clergy who will be left in England. He was formerly chaplain to the Fifth regiment.

Receive Gifts.—The Esquimaux chapter is in charge of the I. O. D. E. rooms, Temple building, to-day, and among the contributions received this morning were helmets, socks, chokers, belts, mitts and parcels of scarves. The Gonzales chapter, which was in charge yesterday, gave a quantity of cholera belts, mittens and helmets to the members of the mechanical transport corps which is expecting to leave here shortly. The Lady Douglas chapter, which was in charge of the rooms on Wednesday, gave, through individual donations, a contribution of soldiers' comforts to Mrs. Bullen, for her department.

OBITUARY RECORD
The funeral of the late William Dunford, whose death occurred on Feb. 1, took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 527 Trutch street. There was a very large attendance of friends and relatives, and many beautiful flowers were on the casket. The Rev. C. T. Scott conducted the services at the house, and the Dominion Lodge No. 4, I. O. O. F., of which deceased was a member, turned out in a body to show their last respects to their late brother, by taking the services at the graveside. The pallbearers were: Messrs. H. E. Morris, J. Gardiner, F. Shaver, P. Babbington, W. Pierce, and C. Northan. The Sands Funeral-Furnishing Co. was in charge.

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it took a long time for the aldermen to decide what sum should be given to the Victoria and Island Development Association in 1915. Eventually, after several divisions in committee, the sum of \$7,000 was fixed upon for publicity and the society will have to get along with \$1,000 less than in 1914. Their vote is \$4,000 this year. The grant to the Victoria Day celebration was increased from the figure of the tentative estimates of December, and now stands at \$1,500.

An addition was made to the contingent fund for the engineering department, and it now is \$6,500. A committee was appointed to look over the question of the Rock Bay bridge, and bring in a report to the meeting of the streets committee this afternoon whether the saving shall be put in or a new bridge built on the original site. The total of the estimates, as explained, is \$45,000 approximately, which will be required to be raised by land tax. There is a cut of about \$500,000 in the estimates of 1914.

The chief items of the estimates compare with those in last year's estimates as follows:

	1915.	1914.
City debt	\$441,292.74	\$445,297.61
Municipal council	7,000.00	8,900.00
Legal department	15,537.24	17,493.97
City institutions	40,143.79	54,967.50
Civil salaries	223,218.92	404,354.00
Buildings	14,005.00	26,160.00
Miscellaneous	38,300.00	111,450.00
Education	33,184.05	392,547.02
Board of health	57,235.95	79,760.00
Works department	37,015.90	409,732.00
Waterworks	39,820.92	411,231.02
Sewer rentals	35,000.00	
Telephone conduits	4,000.00	

City debt calls for the expenditure of \$22,000 for interest, \$39,716 for sinking fund for general purposes, \$17,882 for sinking fund on local improvement account, and \$5,000 the estimated charge for brokerage. School debt requires an expenditure of \$91,884 for interest and sinking fund purposes. City institutions compare with last year's estimates as follows:

	1915.	1914.
Stores	4,182	2,740
Cemetery	4,223	4,904
Parks	18,200	25,000
Foundry	2,449	3,900
Police	90,864	114,979
Fire	100,612	150,081
Laboratory	14,000	20,000
Street lighting	45,852	52,500
Public market	2,200	2,100
Home for Aged	13,340	13,240

Miscellaneous expenditures compare with last year's estimate as follows:

	1915.	1914.
Election expenses	1,200	4,000
Advertising	4,000	5,000
Stationery, printing	12,000	12,000
Postage	1,000	1,000
Telegrams, etc.	500	500
Telephone service	4,000	3,500
Black and express	2,000	3,000
Fuel and light	100	250
Fire insurance	2,500	4,500
Refunds	250	250
Charitable Aid fund	5,000	3,500
Aged and Infirm Women	3,000	3,500
Thrift Savings	200	200
Victoria Day fête	1,500	2,500
Tax sale costs	500	500
Special grants	2,000	4,000
Convention Canadian Union	1,000	
Children's Aid grant	4,000	10,000
Publicity grant	700	10,000
Refuge Home grant	600	600
Day Nursery grant	1,200	1,200
Funerals and insane	1,500	1,250
Motor maintenance	2,500	2,500
Local improvement	1,000	1,000
ment on city property	12,500	10,000
Taxes, Oak Bay and Saanich	4,500	3,000
Surveys, Johnson St. bridge	2,500	
Not detailed	8,900	15,000
	\$96,900	\$117,550

RUSSIAN MERCHANT

BACK FROM SIBERIA

S. Bickowsky Arrives on Aki Maru; Trade Relations With Asiatic Russia

Among the passengers arriving on the Aki Maru yesterday evening from Japan was S. Bickowsky, a resident of Vancouver for the last three years, and in business as a timber merchant.

The principal business of his firm has been to sell the soft woods of this country to timbermen in Siberia, although his interests extend to a far wider field. He would have traveled by way of Europe to the scene of his activity, but on account of Archangel being the only Russian port open, and because of the dangers of navigation in the North Sea, he took the route across the Pacific, going a considerable portion of the way across Asia on the trans-Siberian railway.

His firm have a large contract with the Hamburg-American line, which had to be suspended on account of the war, and it was necessary to make other arrangements for the sale of the material on hand. Mr. Bickowsky is enthusiastic for the development of trade between Canada and Siberia, as has been shown recently in the consignments by the Russian volunteer fleet. "There are," he says, "many products in which the countries could exchange commodities, one being in the import of timber raised in Siberia which has qualities not possessed by the British Columbia trees. The larches, pines, silver fir, birches, etc., are all characteristic trees of Siberia." The fishing industry, he explained, particularly on the Pacific seaboard, has become one of the most important activities, the products finding a ready sale in Japan.

Mr. Bickowsky looks for the development of the trade between Canada and Siberia in the way of an exchange of commodities that neither have in common, for although both countries are spread over vast areas between the same parallels of latitude, the natural products of the country are widely different. He believes that there is a field for great development in trade relations. Speaking of the effect of the war on Siberia, he states that the country is suffering from lack of capital just as other parts of the world, but the Siberians do not allow themselves to be discouraged. They are perfectly satisfied of the ultimate triumph of the



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Black Lisle and Cashmere Hose Reg. 50c, at 3 Pair for \$1.00

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Pleasant features about past sessions have been the large attendance at each, the number of ladies present who took keen interest in the proceedings and the promise displayed by many of the young speakers. The new venture has undoubtedly come to stay, for its popularity is augmented with each succeeding week, and the enthusiasm shown is a sure indication that something of the sort was needed. Public questions of all kinds are discussed with sincerity, and from every possible angle, and questions are frequently asked by members of the audience.

The Scottish, Irish, Welsh and Breton tongues are all varieties of the Gaelic language. "Is Mr. Spruce at all—er—given to drink?" inquired Mr. Miltons anxiously of his confidential clerk. "No, indeed," was the decided answer. "He never touches a drop. But what put such a suspicion into your mind?" "Why, I have noticed that he has been late for the last two mornings, that he looked tired, jaded, and worn out. Perhaps some overwhelming family affliction—" "Oh, that's all right, sir. He gave each of his boys a drum for a Christmas present."

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